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## RED TROOPS ON THE MOVE

### Nationalists Continue Retreat Along Yangtse

#### CABINET CRISIS REMAINS

Nanking, March 10.

Communist forces were exerting increasing pressure on the Yangtse Line and continuing to advance southward in Shensi Province, a Nationalist military spokesman announced here today.

Nationalist forces had voluntarily evacuated to the South bank of the Wei River in Shensi and were continuing to give concessions on the Yangtse Line in an endeavour to secure peace, the spokesman asserted. But, he added, the Government will not yield to any Communist attempt to cross the Yangtse River. The line will be steadfastly guarded until national peace on the basis of equality is achieved, the spokesman said.

More than 10 Communist columns, commanded by General Chen Yi, had begun a gradual movement southward from February 26, he reported. Each column comprised about 25,000 men and vanguards were now not far from the north bank of Yangtse, he told correspondents. Seven columns were in North Anhwei, five in neighbouring North Kiangsu, and an additional four were on the border between the two provinces.

Occupied Tai after the Nationalists evacuated the town. On March 9 the Nationalists re-occupied Fuping, the spokesman claimed.

From Chinkiang today it was reported that Nationalist troops had evacuated Lawei bridgehead and had crossed the river to guard the South bank.

Meanwhile, General Ho Ying-chin, leader of the influential Whampoa Military Academy clique in the Kuomintang, has promised President Li Tsung-jen, in a telephone conversation, to form China's new peace cabinet, the Kiangnan Evening Post reported today.

Reliable sources told Reuter, however, that whether or not General Ho will form China's new Cabinet now depends on retired Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's approval.

Significantly, General Chang Chi-chung, close supporter of the President's peace policy, returned by air today to Nanking after spending several days in Chikow with the Generalissimo. General Chang went immediately to interview President Li.

Local press reports said that General Ho will return tomorrow to Nanking from Hangchow, Chekiang provincial capital, close to the Generalissimo's home town.

Ho May Return

His decision to come to Nanking, if confirmed, would mean that the Generalissimo had approved giving him the mandate to form China's new Cabinet, observers here believed.

The Cabinet is being called "streamlined," because it is expected to be reduced from 15 portfolios and three Commissions in the outgoing Suo-shan Cabinet to eight portfolios and two Commissions in the projected Cabinet.

Chinese sources in Shanghai today said that General Ho Ying-chin has already given conditional assent to the President's request to form a new Cabinet. They added this "conditional assent" was given on the basis that General Ho would be granted carte blanche to run the Government in accordance with the constitutional provision of a responsible Cabinet.

Furthermore, these sources said that General Ho also made it one of his conditions of acceptance that he would be authorised to make a drastic reduction of the present strength of the Nationalist troops.

These two conditions, it was reported, were advanced by General Ho some three months ago when he was asked by Chiang Kai-shek to form a Cabinet prior to the final selection of Dr. Sun Fo as Premier.

Two representatives sent here especially by the President to contact local leaders today called on Dr. W. W. Yen and Mr. Chang

Hsu-chao, who recently returned to Peiping on a peace mission. Both were reported as having received invitations to join the new Cabinet.

Associated Press reports that Sun Fo has resigned but remains as Premier until the appointment of his successor.

The Legislative Yuan tomorrow will consider a resolution to abolish conscription.

Shipping Stopped

Teng Wei-yi confirmed reports that shipping has been suspended on the Yangtse in the vicinity of Chinkiang, about 40 miles East of Nanking. He said the action was taken because of intensified Communist troop movements towards the North bank of the Yangtse in that area.

Teng claimed that over a quarter million Communist troops under General Chen Yi have already pushed Southward to the North bank of the Yangtse.

The spokesman said that the mustered over 1,000 rubber boats (Kiahs) in North Kiangsu have and over 500 junks for an eventual crossing of the Yangtse.

Neutral military quarters said that the movement of about 50,000 Communist troops in the Grand Canal had been noted last week. But they expressed doubt that any large-scale push toward Yangtse bridgeheads was already under way.

Teng denied reports that the Ministry of National Defence was attempting to organise any new armies. He said the 14,000 troops evacuated from the North of the Yangtse were only troops being added to the forces of Tang En-po, the Shanghai-Nanking-Hangchow area garrison commander.

New Armies

Earlier this week, it was learned from authoritative Ministry of National Defense sources that the Government, with little success, is attempting to organise at least 30 new armies. A single Chinese army strength very roughly approximates 15,000 troops.

The Special Presidential Committee today completed its first draft of peace proposals in general terms that member nations were determined to defend themselves against attack from any quarter. He told a news conference that the pact would be broadened soon to include other Western nations wishing to cast their lot with the defence arrangement.

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Collective Action

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The last living descendant of Christopher Columbus, Cristobal Colon de Carvajal Y. Manoto, Duke of Veragua, was married to Senorina Annucelada Gonsalves V. Ramirez de Haro, a Spanish society girl, in the San Francisco El Grande Church, in Madrid.—AP Photo.

## Atlantic Alliance Binds Nations To Collective Action

Washington, March 10.

The present draft of the North Atlantic Pact provides for collective action by its members in case of attack on any of their ships, planes or territorial possessions in the security zone. This was disclosed by authoritative sources today as the eight treaty planning powers awaited moves from Italy, Denmark, Portugal and Iceland to join the pact.

The Danish Foreign Minister, Dr. Gustav Ramussen, was due here today for talks with the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

The treaty is expected to be signed here during the first week in April.

The provisions covering attacks on ships, planes and territories are in addition to measures to cope with bloodless coups and with attacks on each nation and its occupation troops.

The security region outlined in the pact is the Atlantic area north of the Tropic of Cancer. The zone extends from North America Eastward to include Algeria and Northward through Western Europe to Norway.

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### Columbus' Last Descendant Weds

## North China Trade Due To Resume As Ship Sailings Planned

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Three Hong Kong steamers are due to leave for Chinese Communist ports to barter with the

They are the British steamers Esang (Jardine, Matheson) and Lady Wolmer (Wheelock, Marden) and the Panamanian freighter Grand (Wallem).

This will mark the first official resumption of trade with the Chinese Communists by local traders.

The ports at which these ships will call include Tientsin and Weihaiwei, near Chefoo, on the Shantung Peninsula.

The sailing schedules are: Esang on March 13, Lady Wolmer and Grand on March 12.

The three steamers have been chartered by local Chinese merchants who have recently renewed their former connections with local agents.

Local Cargo

It was reported that the ships have more than 5,000 tons of local cargo, including gasoline, junny sacks and industrial equipment.

A representative of ours at Weihaiwei arrived in Hong Kong last week, and brought down with him a special permit from the Chinese authorities there for barter trade with the Colony, one of the charters declared yesterday in an interview.

The representative went by truck to Shi Tau on the top of the Shantung Peninsula, from where he took a steamer (its identity withheld) to Hong Kong.

The Communist permit, the first to make its appearance here, contains particulars regarding the exchange, including the types of cargo required and those permitted to leave Red areas.

We have permission here to clear for Weihaiwei and preparations have been going on smoothly so far, he said.

His ship has already been loaded with about 2,000 tons of local merchandise, including gasoline, gunny sacks and industrial equipment.

We have also permission to ship back from the Red ports vegetable oils, vermifill and Shantung silk. The Weihaiwei official will probably leave with the ship, he concluded.

No Escort

Asked whether their ships would need any special escort on route up North, many traders dismissed the idea with a confident shrug. "I think we can trust them," is the consensus among them.

Some recalled the warm reception received by the American freighter President Fillmore, which was the first foreign steamer to call at Taku Bar after the Communist occupation.

Now that Tientsin is being opened to foreign shipping again, the North Korea trade, which has been very remunerative during the past few months after the Red capture of several major North China ports, will be seriously affected, a newly returned trader from North Korea said yesterday.

We lost heavily on our last trip to Shingai-shan. It was very difficult to procure the necessary cargo there. We spent about three months before we eventually returned here with less than 500 tons of soyabean and ginseng, which are now not so much in demand, the trader stated.

Korean Trade

The North Koreans obtain their products mainly from the fertile Manchurian areas. Since Tientsin was closed to foreign shipping, much of these valuable goods have been filtering to North Korea ports, where they are accessible to us.

### Armed Robbery Report

No report has been made to the police by the man who was held up by four armed robbers outside the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank on Tuesday.

to point out that the robbery did not occur on their premises, that they had no knowledge of it, and that no complaint was made to them.

## Chinese Woman Awarded

Shanghai, March 10.

A pretty 28-year-old widow and authoress, Mrs. Fan Hsiang Mei-lin, was the central figure in a ceremony at the British Consulate-General here this morning when the Consul-General, Mr. R.W. Urquhart, presented certificates awarded by the King to three Chinese in recognition of services to the Allied cause during the war years.

Mrs. Fan, mother of two children, who recently gained prominence for an article "Girls who are Toys of Men" in a Chinese magazine, received the award on behalf of her husband, Fan Chun-shan, executed by Japanese soldiers for aiding in the escape of a group of Allied nationals from the Shanghai area to Free China shortly after the outbreak of the Pacific War.

The other two Chinese receiving similar certificates were P. C. Sah and Kiang Cho-ching, both of whom collaborated with Mr. Fan to get Allied party safely to Chungking.

Britons in the escaped group included Major Hunt and Captain Edward Dure, of the British Consulate-General, and Mr. Erik Watts, of the Kailan Mining Administration, now of Jardine, Matheson, Hong Kong.

Also honoured today was Fong Shu-shen, Chief Chinese Administrator of British Troops in China Headquarters during the war. He was awarded insignia of Honorary Member of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his devotion to duty and meritorious service to the British war effort in China.

He is at present employed by the BOAC here.—Reuter.

### Air Crash

Sydney, March 10.

All 21 occupants were killed when a Lockheed Lodestar transport aircraft crashed and burned out while taking off near Coolangubra, 45 miles South of Brisbane, today.

The 18 passengers included a man, his wife and their two infant sons.

The aircraft crashed into a swamp and burst into flames as it was leaving Blanga airport.—Reuter.

### The Weather

At 0000 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a well marked trough of low pressure extends from the SW coast of Africa across the Eastern Sea and Japan to a fairly deep depression centred over Hokkaido. N of this trough a ridge of high pressure from the Siberian anti-cyclone covers N China and to the S a ridge from the Pacific anti-cyclone extends Westwards to the Philippines.

Today's Forecast:—Light and variable mainly SE winds, overcast with occasional drizzle and extensive patches of sea fog.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 70.3 deg. Fah. Minimum: 65.8 deg. Fah.

Sunshine: Nil.

Rainfall: 0.9 mm.—0.04 inch. Total since Jan. 1—128.9 mm.—5.08 inches as against an average of 101.6 mm.—4.00 inches.

Readings at 10 a.m.

Bar at m.s.l. .... 1014.4 1010.4 m.b.

Equal 29.95 29.84 inches

Rel. Humidity .... 97 98 %

Dew Point .... 81 82 deg. F.

Wind Direction .... E 15 knots

Wind Force .... 5 6 knots

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High .... 1.11 7.1

Low .... 0.180 2.1

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## By-Election In North St. Pancras

London, March 10.

Voting is taking place today in North St. Pancras by-election. The candidates are Mr. N. Shields, Conservative, Mr. C. K. Robinson, Labour, and J. Mahon, Communist.

The election was caused by the death of the Labour member, Mr. G. House.

The Labour majority at the general election was 7,930 in a total poll of 26,254.

Both Labour and Conservative quarters here expect the Government to hold the London constituency of North St. Pancras in tomorrow's Parliamentary by-election.

The vacancy was caused by the death of the Labour member. The Government has already retained two constituencies—Battersea, Yorkshire, and South Ham—merely in a series of four by-elections now proceeding.

Labour won North St. Pancras—a working-class district with a considerable proportion of railway employees—from the Conservatives in the 1945 general election. The Labour majority was 7,930 over the Conservative and Independent opponents.

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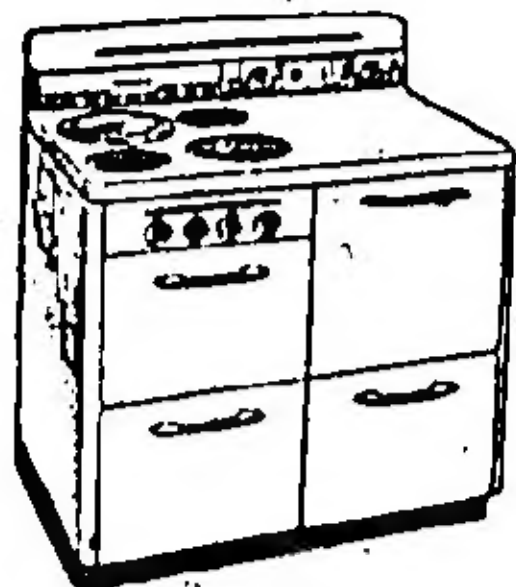
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## May Appears in Own Defence At PWD Trial

Evidence in his own defence was given by Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector Grade 1, in the witness stand towards the close of yesterday's hearing of the PWD larceny trial. This came after Mr. A. J. Clifford, May's counsel, had delivered his opening address to the jury, during which Counsel remarked that the jury might wonder how a sort of man like May with a good background should do the things with which he was charged for \$70.

Jointly charged with May is Kwok Kwong, foreman, of the Public Works Department. They are standing trial on three counts of larceny by public servant and three counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, counsel for May, closed his cross-examination of Kwok at the early part of yesterday's hearing. In the course of which Kwok stated that May had told him at Hung Hom to make an estimate of the Pokfulam job. Commencing his cross-examination, Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, put it to Kwok that he did say he thought the Pokfulam job was a Government job, to which Kwok agreed. Since he had gone there and saw Dr. Thomas, Kwok added, and knowing him to be Medical Director, he thought the job was a Government one.

Mr. Hooton then asked Kwok whether it was because he thought it was a Government job that he had used Government material on it. Kwok replied that it was not only because of that, but also because May gave him instructions to do it. Kwok agreed with Counsel that there was no doubt that the cable issued to Li Chor for the work was Government cable. Counsel then inquired whether he would be right in saying that the lighting cable drawn for Lai Chi Kok Hospital was sent to Pokfulam, to which Kwok stated that the cable used at Pokfulam was not taken from the Lai Chi Kok job alone. In fact, he declared, the materials used at Pokfulam were materials from the stores for various other jobs.

**Materials Recorded**  
The drawing and issuing of the materials for the various jobs, he stated, were recorded in the estimate and cost sheet.

Further questioned, Kwok denied having ever been asked by May where the single cable authorised for Lai Chi Kok Hospital had gone to. He further denied having been asked as to where the single cable for the Vegetable Market had gone to either.

Replying to a query, Kwok told the court that May went into the stores at Hung Hom to inspect the place very often during office hours every day. Kwok denied a suggestion from Counsel that he knew perfectly well that the job at Pokfulam was not a Government job. He did not know it was unauthorised, accused declared, as May never told him that.

Asked whether he had ever previously done any Government job on the Hong Kong side while he was at Hung Hom, Kwok replied in the negative. Further questioned, he disclosed that in this respect the Pokfulam job did not make him suspicious that it was not a Government job. He never had any doubt about it, he declared, as he relied entirely upon May's responsibility. Kwok agreed with Counsel that he never received any request from the head office of the elec-

### Government Property

Turning to the lamp shades installed at Lowbridge, Shackleton and Company in Prince's Building, Counsel asked accused whether he did agree that they were Government property.

Kwok replied in the affirmative. He further revealed that he would not have been able to do the installing had it not been for May's instructions.

In the course of further cross-examination, Crown Counsel suggested to accused that both he and May knew they were disposing of Government property when the lamp shades were installed. Accused denied this. Crown Counsel then put it to Kwok that his defence as regards the counts of falsification with which he was charged was that he had no intention to defraud the Government because he thought it was quite proper to show Li Chor and the others doing work at To Kwa Wan Market and other places, while they were actually doing work at Pokfulam. Agreeing to this, Kwok declared that his idea was, as the workmen were doing some Government job other than that appearing in the daily labour distribution and job reports there was no question of deceiving the Government.

H. Holtmeyer, manager of Lowbridge Shackleton and Company, who had already given evidence several days previous, and his clerk, were then recalled to clarify certain evidence.

Kwok was then further questioned at length on the Castle Peak job and the time and wages sheets at Hung Hom.

### Cost Of Work

Asked whether he did ever on May's instruction go to Pokfulam with Dr. Thomas to estimate the cost of the work going on there, Kwok replied in the affirmative. He told him only to make an estimate in the office. Kwok also denied having been told by May to put men to work at Pokfulam in after hours. Replying to a question put by Mr. Justice Williams, accused told the court that the reason why he did not do the estimate at Pokfulam was because the job had not yet been completed, and he had to wait till the job was finished.

Mrs. Thomas was then recalled into the witness stand for further clarification of evidence, after which Mr. Clifford opened the case for the defence and commenced his address to the jury. Mr. Clifford asked the jury to be particularly careful, as the career, home, and everything of one person depended on them. He further stated that he would call into the witness stand two persons to testify as to the good character and honesty of May.

## Reminders

### Today

HK Art Club sponsors lecture on art by Mr. Douglas Bland, PRO lecture room, 2.30 p.m.  
Shanghai Dockyard Limited, annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 11 a.m.  
Sino-British Gramophone Group, recital at Helena May Institute, 9.15 p.m., talk by Dr. K. H. Utley.  
St. Stephen's Old Boys Association, annual dinner and meeting, Root Garden, HK Hotel 7 and 8 p.m.  
European YMCA Members Council meeting, 9 p.m.  
HK Football Association League Management Committee meeting, 5.15 p.m.

### Coming Events

**TOMORROW**  
HK Football Association Dinner, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.  
Rotary Annual District Conference at Macao, SUNDAY  
To Kwa Wan Club Classical Concert, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.  
HK Light Orchestra, concert of popular music, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.  
Rotary Annual District Conference at Macao.  
HK Art Club sketching party, members to assemble at the Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf, 10.30 a.m.

the first being the Director of Public Works and the other a prominent doctor.

Among other things, Mr. Clifford told the jury the fact that May, right after the liberation, could have taken the opportunity of taking materials that were lying about, but instead, he devised forms for the gathering up of all such electrical materials and took pains to put them on charge.

Counsel also recalled the incident concerning the watch and pen given to May by someone, both of which were handed over to the PWD by May. Mr. Clifford told the jury that they might wonder whether a sort of man like that could do the things with which he was charged for \$70.

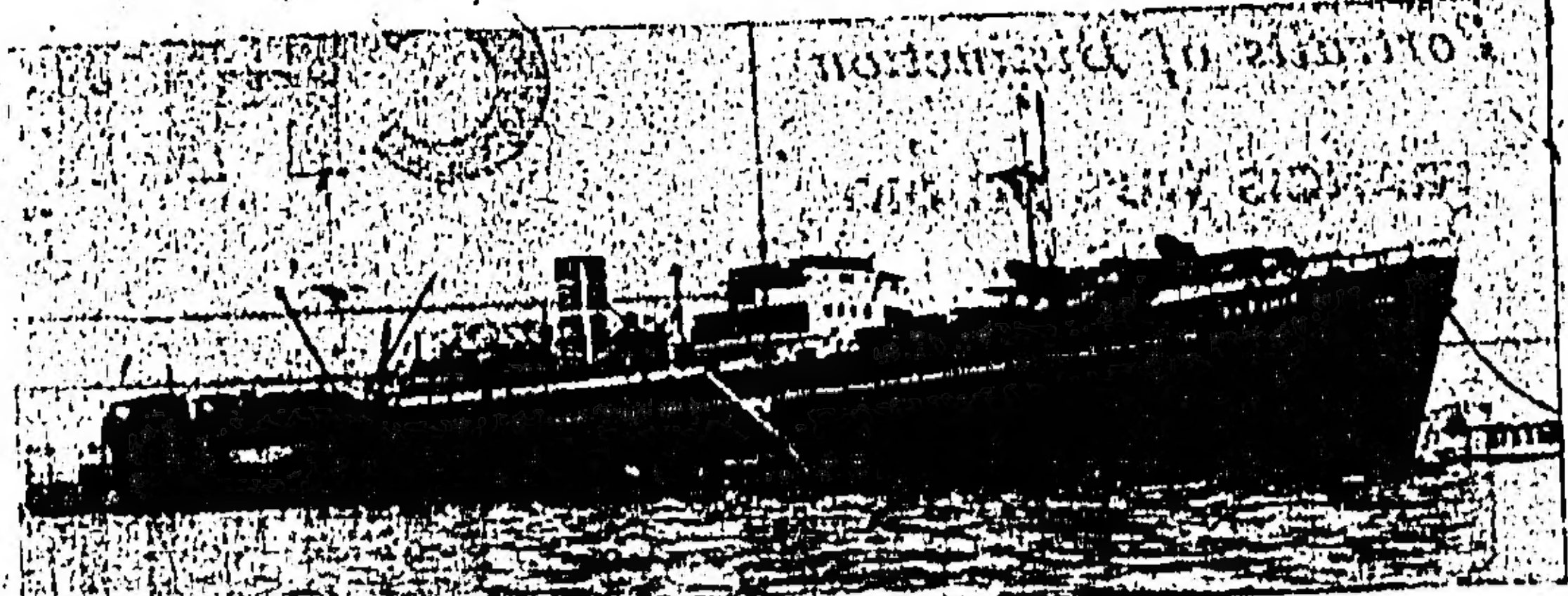
Among other things, May testified that he trained the new staff of the electrical department after the war under his new system with regard to the keeping and drawing of electrical stores, and that he devised such forms as necessary. May stated in reply to a query that he considered his new system more difficult to "get away with" as regards taking anything from the stores.

May went on to relate what happened to him after the war, in the course of which he told the court that after the liberation he worked for about 14 to 16 hours every day putting the materials lying around on Government charge. He eventually had to be sent to hospital on account of overwork. The result of this, he continued, was that he had to be sent back to England in May 1947 and stayed there for about six months.

When he came back, May continued, he was posted on Kowloon side. The PWD and Mr. Brown of the electrical department told him not to overwork himself. After one month he was given an additional job of taking inventories of furniture lying about, the job for which should have been a full-time job, he added.

May then gave explanations on the daily labour distribution and job reports and the like.

Hearing will continue this morning at 10 a.m. when May will resume his evidence.



Taped firmly all over, eight Mustang fighters entered port yesterday, unmanned and without wing tips and tail planes. They are part of the Royal Australian Air Force equipment being evacuated from Kure by sea to Australia. The accessories are kept in crates, over which the planes are securely held on stands. The Mustangs arrived here aboard the m.v. Kafiristan, which is due to resume her journey to Brisbane and Sydney on March 13. ("China Mail" Photo).

## Australian Aircraft Evacuated

Eight more Mustang fighters arrived here yesterday aboard the m.v. Kafiristan from Kure, marking the second last shipment of Royal Australian Air Force equipment being evacuated from Japan to Australia.

Some parts have been detached and kept in crates, over which the planes are held securely on special stands.

The Kafiristan brought more than 450 tons of cargo, including military equipment. There are trucks, jeeps and cranes, strewn all over the deck.

She will leave the Colony on March 13 for Australia, calling en route at Rabaul, Lae, Brisbane, Sydney, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands.

## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

### Both Sides

Sir,—I must congratulate you for your fairness in publishing both sides of the case in the latest correspondence. Silva, as was pointed out in his original letter, evidenced the cause of truth. As far as anyone with common sense can see, he also paid a glowing tribute to the powers that be.

Mr. Charles Loseby on the other hand, has made sentimental utterances and spoken as if he was someone in high authority. In the contemplation of the British law, all are equal before the law, all are equal in justice. When someone sets himself up as a bogey man and tries to frighten others with a twisted interpretation of law and ethics, it is time someone told him where to get off. This, I submit, Mr. Silva did, splendidly.

As Mr. Silva said, the control of hotel rates has become law and the gist of Mr. Loseby's letter is that he thinks it bad legislation. I humbly submit that if he does not like the laws of this Colony, nor its legislators, nor the frailties of human nature here, no one is pressing him to stay. That the new ordinance relating to hotel rates is good law has already been evidenced by the comments in the Press during the past few days, when Government officials concerned were praised for their wonderful effort. Even the managing director of a leading hotel here has said so. I utterly fail to see what Mr. Loseby is driving at in suggesting it is bad legislation. C. F.

### SECOND CONCERT

A second concert of popular music will be given by the Hong Kong Light Orchestra on Sunday at the Peninsula Hotel at 9 p.m.

## Superior British Craft, Industry

Britain's nationalisation of industries has yet to prove that it is any better, if indeed as good as the old system of free enterprise, said Mr. D. S. Hill, President of the Hong Kong Rotary Club, in a talk on "Industry and Crafts".

Mr. Hill addressed a gathering at the weekly show of the British Council at the Helena May Institute yesterday. He said British craft and industry have long been respected throughout the world and in certain lines have held undisputed superiority.

He added that: Radar, Pluto, Fido, Mulberry, Jet Propulsion are the products of British ingenuity, craftsmanship and industry in the first ship and industry in the world. States is an eager customer for many of them.

Crafts and industry have been the saviours of Britain's economy. Since the end of the war at the beginning of 1947, the country was manufacturing for export twice as fast as before the war. In order to pay back the US\$3,750,000,000 loan from America, Britain was only half as fast then as she had to be.

To work at this rate on a skimping monetary diet, clothing and entertainment then perishing was a task for a race of supermen.

Crafts and industries are served by some 7,000,000 people on whom Britain's manufacture for export largely depends. Machine power at the beginning was sadly lacking. A good deal of London Lease tools were specially designed for the production of military stores and were unsuitable to meet the needs of a peacetime economy.

British manufacturers of machine tools bearing world famous names were constrained to export practically their entire output in order to receive allocations of raw materials. Unavoidable interference by the State has not helped much in industrial relations. Nationalisation of industries—except coal and electricity—has yet to prove that it is any better, if indeed, as good as the old system under private enterprise.

British industry has recently come in for a good deal of criticism from abroad—most of it extremely ill-informed. It deals mostly with Britain's coal production and manpower. Britain's best sources of good and easily available coal have long been worked out. Modern equipment is necessary to make any worthwhile progress in getting what is left, a process both difficult and expensive. Wartime economy debauched modernisation of mines. Mechanisation will take time.

Britain has been for many years the jobbing shop of the world. Her industries and crafts are required to turn out a wide variety of goods to meet what British consumers used to, and overseas customers still do, expect.

Nationalisation of British crafts and industries will result in a narrowing and greater standardisation of our goods and will inevitably result in a loss of markets to those countries better equipped for such a type of production.

Britain can still offer a much wider range of goods than any other country in the world. Strangely enough, the United States is an eager customer for many of them.

There is some danger of crafts dying out through lack of fresh blood. Some have already reached the stage where the only craftsmen left are in late middle age or old age.

It will be a great pity to see British saddlery and leather work, sports goods, fine furniture, chinaware, glassware, optical goods, disappear like those, exquisite wrought iron gates of the last century which can no longer be made at any price.

"British industry as a whole is alive and vigorous and our native inventiveness is as active as ever. With careful thought and the best use of our resources there is good ground for sober optimism. If free enterprise is given a reasonable chance, British industry and British craftsmanship can lead the country back to prosperity," concluded Mr. Hill.

## Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. A. E. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. W. Churchill, Messrs. C. C. Vines, S. D. Askenager, L. G. Cousins, C. L. Pennington, O. Skarland, D. W. Gillman, and M. Raymond.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Miss E. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bachrach, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bant, Lieutenant R. H. Dowell, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Lecour.

Messrs. Robert Choa, M. Elissen, Trien Lam, M. Societ, and Truong Tru arrived in Hong Kong yesterday from Saigon by Air France.

### WOMEN FIGHT

A fight between two women at No. 18 Eikton Street, third floor, on Wednesday, using a thermo flask as a weapon to throw against each other, had its sequel before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

As a result, Chan Kin-kin, aged 23, and Wong Mei-mei, aged 20, were charged before the court with disorderly conduct, and were each fined \$40.

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# St. John's Cathedral Holds Annual Meeting

That this was the Centenary Year of the Diocese—an occasion which called for special celebration, was mentioned by Dean A. P. Rose in his Chairman's address to the gathering at the Annual Church Meeting of St. John's Cathedral Church held at the Cathedral Hall yesterday.

Reviewing the work of the Cathedral Church Council, Mr. D. J. S. Crozier, Hon. Secretary, said in his report:

Election on the Roll of the Cathedral total 207, an increase of 36 on last year's figure. The figure is considerably less than for 1947. In spite of the fact that the number of regular worshippers at the Cathedral now is undoubtedly greater than it was before the war, the figure continues to be low.

The Council once again appeals to all regular attenders at the services who have not already enrolled to associate themselves with their Cathedral in this formal way, and help advance the cause of the Church by adding to its corporate strength. The Board has recommended that Dean Rose be appointed to his office, and that this appointment should continue in force until his resignation. The Council is in full agreement with this recommendation.

There is urgent need for augmenting the spiritual staff by an additional full-time priest. The need stressed a year ago, has not been met due solely to the financial position of the Cathedral. No effort must be spared to increase the revenue so that this matter may be put right.

In December, Miss Biehene resigned the position of Cathedral Organist. The Council accepted her resignation with regret which was however tempered by the satisfaction that she agreed to accept the post of Honorary Organist.

Miss Biehene's place has been taken by Mr. Fraser.

The Verger, Ah Kau, resigned after a faithful service of 30 years. The duties of Clerk and Verger have been incorporated in one appointment now filled by Mr. Henry Kwok.

## Financial Report

The Honorary Treasurer's report showed that total expenditure in 1948 amounted to HK\$70,000.22 as against the budgeted amount of HK\$60,000. Goodwill offerings raised during the year totalled HK\$29,248.70 as against the Treasurer's request for HK\$30,000.

Expenditure exceeded income by HK\$813.27 in spite of vigorous economy.

As regards allied accounts, the Cathedral Hall failed to pay its way. The possibility of increasing the charges of hire is being considered. The St. John's Review magazine was published for the second year in succession at a considerable loss. The price is to be increased.

According to policy, no general appeal was made during the year under review for contributions to the Cathedral Restoration Fund. Contributions, however, were received including HK\$10,000 each from Mrs. G.E. Marden and the Hong Kong Jockey Club. The 1949 budget amounts to HK\$73,400. A sum of HK\$4,400 will be needed for the return purchase of Dean Rose who is going on leave.

The Treasurer hopes that the Chate, Endowment, the Offerings and the rent of On Lee will yield as much as last year. This will leave the sum of \$34,600 to be raised by the Goodwill Offerings Fund against \$29,248 raised in the past year.

"I therefore, like to conclude with the strongest possible appeal for further support during the present year for this most essential feature of the Cathedral's resources," said the Treasurer.

Donations to this Fund have been furnished by only 157 subscribers.

"I cannot help feeling that there must be many more individuals and organisations in the Colony who are sufficiently for the Cathedral and what it stands for to be prepared to make regular contributions to the cost of its upkeep," added the Treasurer.

The Cathedral has a regular income of \$11,000 a year to meet an irreducible minimum expenditure of over \$70,000. The balance must come from its congregation and friends.

"If only another 157 contributions averaging \$10 a month could be found to join the existing subscriptions the Cathedral's financial worries would be solved. Contributions can be made on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis to suit the convenience of the individual and I do sincerely trust and believe that this appeal will not go unheeded."

## Chairman's Address

In his address as Chairman of the Cathedral Church Council the Very Reverend A.P. Rose said: We live in a pagan environment. By God's providence it is administered by a law and custom part of which bears the imprint of Christian law and outlook. But for all that its degree of secularism is high. The world presses hard upon us in Hong Kong and there are many

## Woman Has 18th Baby

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Beecham, aged 42, today gave birth to her 18th baby at a maternity home here.

The mother and baby—a girl weighing eight pounds 13 ounces—are both doing well.

Mrs. Beecham's husband, a miner at present unemployed, is one of 22 children—neuter.

casualties. But there is a corresponding gain. Where the tension between the ideal and the low moral level of the environment, the quality of the lives of the faithful is higher than where there is less opposition to the Christian way of living.

The uncertainty of the political future of Hong Kong is also in our minds, and we are grateful that we are not forgotten at home. And although our chief interest as Christians is with the Kingdom that is not of this world, it is our bounden duty to care deeply for the community and realm in which we are set as a church and as individuals. Hong Kong lives or dies by commerce. Our concern, then, is that the commerce of Hong Kong shall be carried on in the spirit of an old English prayer dating from the 16th century.

"I have a strong impression that since the end of 1945, personal relations of respect and sympathy between Chinese and Westerners have deteriorated. I hope this will soon be reversed.

"Last year I mentioned some of the usual features of a Cathedral establishment which were completely absent here. Since then a start has been made in providing two of these: a capital fund for endowing the stipends of the clergy, and a library."

I will close by reminding you that this year is the Centenary of the Diocese. This will call for special celebration. You will have remembered, no doubt, that the foundation stone of what was then St. John's Church occurred two years ago. The inscribed trowel with which this was performed is here for your inspection. I should like you to handle it because I think you build worthily upon the foundation on which it assisted 102 years ago.

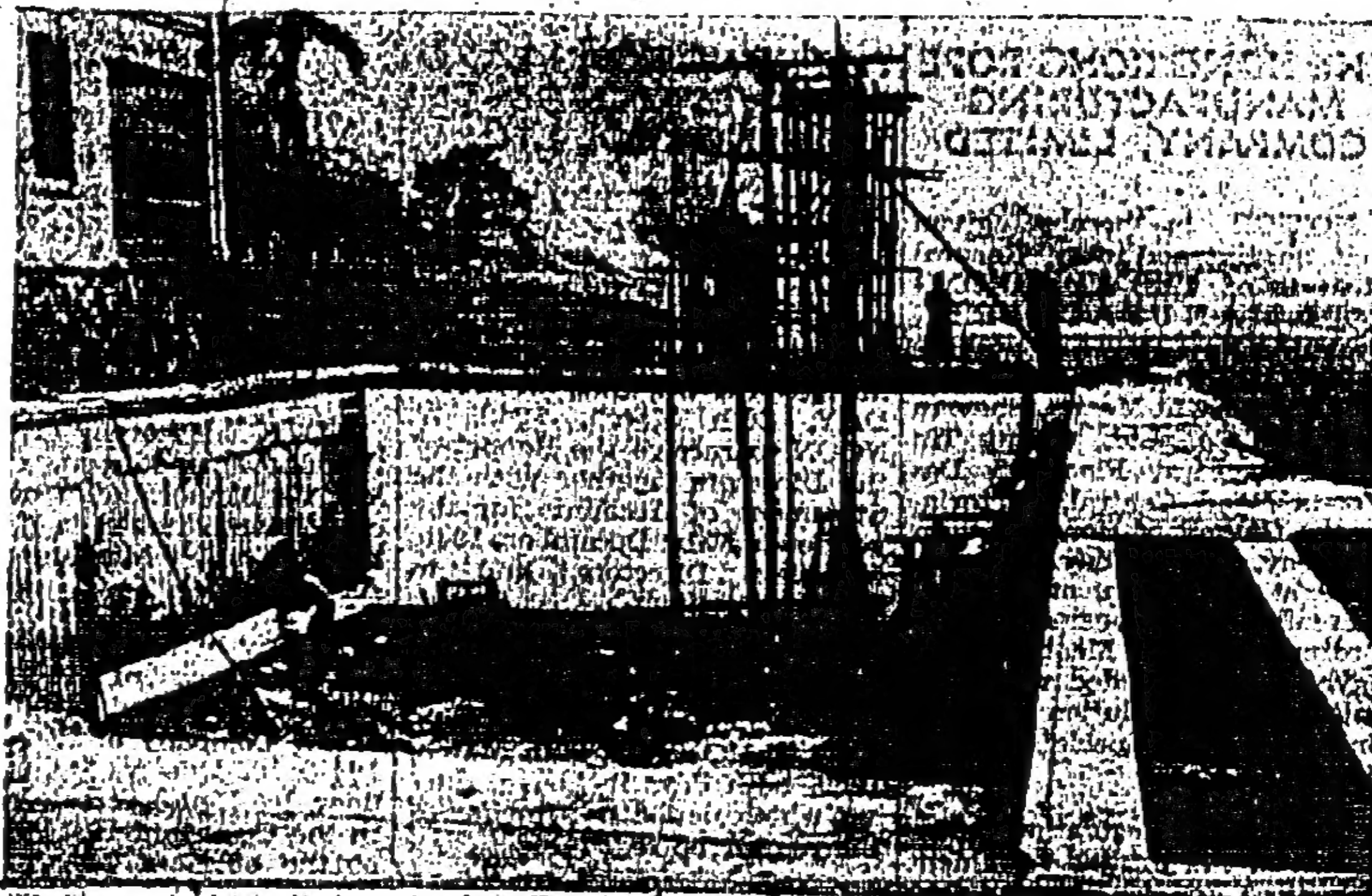
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Representatives to the Victorian Diocesan Conference: Mr. H.C. Margrett, Mr. Justice Gould, Mr. F.C. Maund.



Workmen affixing tiles to the walls of the \$100,000 swimming pool at the Ladies Recreation Club. ("China Mail" Photo).

## POOL TO BE READY IN MARCH

The HK\$100,000 swimming pool at the Ladies Recreation Club on May Road is nearing completion and is expected to be ready for use by members of the Club at the end of this month.

The pumping system which will keep the pool supplied with chlorinated fresh water, is estimated at HK\$50,000.

The swimming pool, which covers an area of about 2,750 square feet, is located on the harbour side of the Club premises and is built of concrete, with walls of white enamel tiles.

At its deepest part, the pool measures 12 feet three inches. The shallow portion of the pool, which is at the eastern end, measures three feet six inches.

There are three diving stages, the heights of which are three feet, nine feet and 21 feet, respectively.

At the side of the pool, there is a small paddling pool for the children, the depth of which is one foot six inches.

The pool was designed by Mr. R.W.A. MacKichan, architect of Messrs. Leigh and Orange, while the construction work is being carried out by Messrs. Sang Lee and Company, contractors, of No. 2 Tin Lok Lane, Wanchai.

## SEIZED GOLD

Gold seized in the Colony by the Hong Kong authorities last year amounted to 7,200.10 tins. This does not include seizures of gold coins and gold jewellery.

According to the open market rate, the gold seized was valued at HK\$2,357,132. Based on the official rate the seizures were valued at HK\$1,215,901.

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## When The Rains Come At Kai Tak

What do they do on a rainy day at Kai Tak? Yesterday when the clouds sank into the bowl of the airfield and a light drizzle fell, they did not do much of anything.

Planes were taking off—at the discretion of the companies concerned. But they were not landing. Kai Tak was "officially closed."

The only really busy corner was the Air Movements Office, harassed by continuous telephone calls and besieged by impatient people. Rain or shine things are much the same for Mr. Jimmy Bashforth, who is in charge of this department. He spent most of yesterday making from telephone to microphone to announce that planes due to arrive had been rerouted.

Although other airfields are notified of the prevailing weather conditions at Kai Tak ahead of time, some airlines gamble on a chance before they reach the field and take off for Hong Kong regardless. Planes approaching Kai Tak are told exactly what the local weather is like and, if necessary (as in yesterday's case), are advised to go to another field.

Mr. A.J.R. Moss, Director of Civil Aviation, used the word "advised," but when questioned further added: "Under the existing regulations, it can be an order."

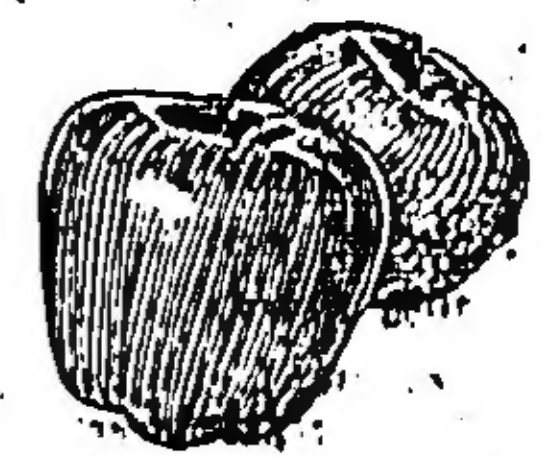
Yesterday it evidently was just that. Several planes went on to Canton after circling the field for the customary 20 minutes. A Pan-American plane from Bangkok, scheduled to touch down here before proceeding to Manila, had to continue on its way.

About half of the scheduled take-offs took place, despite the woolly white turbans worn by the surrounding hills and visibility so poor that Hong Kong was little more than a blur across the narrow body of water separating the island from the mainland.

"Business as usual" can be a dangerous motto, chattered one onlooker, standing in the drizzly rain to watch one of the big planes take off.

Inside 'Ma G' Gellatly's cafeteria, where crew members, passengers and visitors warmed themselves over hot cups of tea and coffee, the tempo of activity was slower than usual. It was one of the rare occasions when the white-coated boys found themselves with time to exchange a little gossip.

Mr. Wong So of the Dairy Farm catering service next door said he and his staff were having a quiet day too.



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## THE HONG KONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at the registered office of the Company at Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd., Chung Tin Building, First Floor, 5 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1949 at 12.15 p.m. or so soon thereafter as the business of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting shall have been concluded when the sub-Joined Resolution will be proposed as a Special Resolution:—

"That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

A print of the new Articles of Association can be inspected at the offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd., 5 Des Voeux Road Central, aforesaid, the General Managers of the Company, at any time during business hours.

Dated at Hong Kong this 11th day of March 1949.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.

I. W. SHEWAN, Director, General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 11, 1949.

## THE HONG KONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First Floor, 5 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 5th April, 1949 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 22nd March, 1949, until Tuesday, 5th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.

I. W. SHEWAN, Director, General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 11, 1949.

## THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-First Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1949 at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 16th to 26th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

LAU TAK FO, Managing Director.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

## THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

## Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the company will be held at the Head Office of the company, 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 23rd March, 1949 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1948 and for the appointment of Directors and Auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 16th day of March to 23rd March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By order of the Board,

D. S. YUAN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, March 9, 1949.

## THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT &amp; AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th March, 1949, at NOON to receive the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors, and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 14th March, 1949, to MONDAY, 28th March, 1949, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

B. C. FIELD, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 4, 1949.

## NOTICE

We beg to announce that two Godown Warrants covering the following cargo:—

Y.T.H. 1/800—800 Pails Dyestuffs Stored in Kowloon Godown No. 2 under Lot No. K30232

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were issued by The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., have been lost between Nanking & Shanghai on the 20th February, 1949. We have reported this loss to the parties concerned, and it is, therefore, declared that the said documents will be considered as null and void.

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Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

## NOTICE

We beg to announce that one Delivery Order No. 66 covering the following cargo:—

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HSIEH TAI HUNG CO., LTD., Hongkong Branch.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

## THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Association will be held on Sunday, 27th March, 1949 at the Chinese Club, Bank of Canton Building.

Annual Meeting at 7.00 p.m. and Dinner at 8 p.m.

All members of the Association and all old boys are requested to attend. Tickets for the Dinner can be obtained from members of the Committee.

A. E. PERRY, Hon. Secretary, Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., St. George's Building.

Hong Kong, March 10, 1949.

## NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947,

and

IN THE MATTER of The Bible Book & Tract Depot Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the abovesaid company has lost its Memorandum of Association and that it is proposed to adopt a new Memorandum of Association.

A copy of the proposed new Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the office of the Company at Rooms Nos. 104 & 105 Queen's Building, 1st floor, Ice House Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong or at the office of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan & Co. of No. 4A Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, the solicitors for the company, at any time during office hours.

Any person who objects to such proposed new Memorandum of Association should state briefly in writing the nature of the objections to such proposed new Memorandum of Association and should file the same with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, with the address for service within the Colony of the person objecting thereto not later than the 25th day of April, 1949.

Dated the 11th day of March, 1949.

C. Y. KWAN & CO., Solicitors for The Bible Book & Tract Depot Limited.

## NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

## PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF ALEXANDER KURRIK late of Medical Department of the Government Laboratory in the Hong Kong Government Service, Assistant Chemist, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 made an Order limiting the time for Creditors and others to send their claims against the above estate to the 30th day of March, 1949.

All creditors and others are hereby requested to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1949.

Sd. C. P. D'ALMADA CASTRO, Official Administrator, Courts of Justice, Hong Kong.

## NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

## PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF CECIL STANLEY SIMMONDS late of Imperial Ballroom No. 395 Nathan Road, ground floor, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hong Kong, Gentleman, deceased.

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## EQUINE SPORTS CLUB

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Equine Sports Club will be held at the premises of the Sports Club on Tuesday, March 15, 1949, at 6.00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

D. M. HYKES, Hon. Secretary, c/o The National City Bank of New York.

## POLICE NOTICE.

1. Owing to repairs to Gas Mains in Pedder Street drivers of all vehicles are hereby notified that Pedder Street between Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road Central is closed to all NORTHBOUND traffic.

2. The following traffic diversions are effective immediately:—

East Bound Traffic Only

(a) Chater Road.

North Bound Traffic Only

(a) Ice House Street, between Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road, C.

(b) Pottinger Street between Queen's Rd., C. and Des Voeux Rd., C.

(c) Morrison Street between Queen's Rd., C. and Des Voeux Rd., C.

(d) Bonham Strand, West between Des Voeux Road, W. and Bonham Strand.

(e) Jackson Road between Des Voeux Road, C. and Chater Road.

(f) Jubilee Street between Queen's Road, C. and Des Voeux Rd., C.

South Bound Traffic Only

(a) Wing Lok Street between Bonham Strand and Des Voeux Rd., W.

(b) Jackson Road between Connaught Rd., C. and the junction of Chater Rd.

(c) Murray Road between Chater Road and Queen's Rd., C.

(d) Queen Victoria Street between Queen's Rd., C. and Des Voeux Rd., C.

West Bound Traffic Only

(a) Queen's Rd., Central from Murray Rd. to Jubilee Street.

(b) Queen's Rd. Central from Jubilee St. to Western St. to all traffic except omnibuses.

(c) Ko Shing St. from Des Voeux Rd., West to Queen Street.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

March 9, 1949.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Photographs" will be received at the office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Friday, 25th March, 1949, for taking progress photographs of Public Works over a period up to the 31st March, 1950.

Tenders must attach to each tender a Deposit Receipt showing that they have deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$50.00 as a pledge of the bona fide of their tenders which sum will be forfeited to the Crown if the successful tenderer fails or refuses to implement his tender. The deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Forms of tender, specification and other particulars may be obtained at the Headquarters, Public Works Department, Secretariat Building, ground floor, Lower Albert Road.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender and reserves the right to accept all or any part of any tender.

V. KENNIF, Director of Public Works.

March 11, 1949.

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## A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF

EVERYBODY is human enough to like a puzzle. Especially when he has begun to seem ordinary to those with whom he has been playing a while. And most especially if a great build-up had preceded him and he had received no opportunity to astonish, mystify or thrill his now-found friends. He is likely then to look out with an eager eye for some means to put on a show—not just to live up to expectations, but to take off of an embarrassed spot the admirer who had so loudly blown the bugle for him.

South justified that bidding in his own conscience by the fact that his partner of the moment was a player who might leave him in a less than game contract despite his cue-bid of the hostile hearts. Actually his reason was that he wanted to be the declarer on the last hand of the evening after playing only ordinary bridge until then.

West gave him a chance to go spectacular by leading the heart K and following it with the Q. Instead of ruffing this, South discarded the diamond A! Can't you just hear the others gasp? West then switched to the spade 2, and the K forced the A. The club K and A fortunately fell to the J, making the 8 to the 9 a dummy entry, which was used after the diamond K and Q were scored. The diamond J, 10 and 8 then furnished discards for three spades and the contract was home amid oh's and ah's. South hummed a happy song as he then wended his way home.

Your Week-End Question

When a player equipped with the Blackwood convention has a void suit with a bidding situation that seems slummy, under what conditions should he substitute the cue-bid of a suit for the convention as a slam invitation, and under what conditions merely bid five as his invitation?

(Dealer: West. Both sides vulnerable.)

West North East South

1 H Pass Pass 2 H

Pass 3 D Pass 5 C

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

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Pass



## BEAUTIFIED



Miss Phyllis Calvert, star many British films, makes her Hollywood debut in "Time Out of Mind". Though she retains all her native charm and her qualities as an actress she appears, as the photo above shows, to have gone through the Hollywood "treatment".

## Music Is Brighter Than Stars

Though it is not mentioned in anything but the smallest type on the credit lists and not at all on the large eye-bagging posters, those who contribute most to "Time Out of Mind," Universal-International feature coming to the Lee, are Miklos Rozsa and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco.

They wrote the music, a symphony, concerto and other odd bits and pieces supplied for it by Robert Hutton, who plays the part of the disolute conductor-composer-pianist. If Mr. Hutton's performance came up to the quality of the compositions he handles the film would be a great deal better than it is.

Adapted from Rachel Field's novel of the same name, the picture tells the story of a girl who kept herself in a more or less permanent state of gloom by sublimating her love for a useless character in order to further his career as a musical genius. Phyllis Calvert is the girl.

Time was when Miss Calvert was a British actress of merit. She was noted for her simple charm as much as for her other qualities. She still has that but it lies under the glossy veneer with which Hollywood appears to coat all its stars. It seems to be

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## CINEMA WORLD

THE MAGICAL SHOES:  
MAGIC IN THE FEET

A ballerina's art is contained as much in her soul as in her soles. In order to convey to her audience the emotions she is called upon to interpret in her movements she must feel those emotions so strongly as to have them affect the action of her every muscle. Miss Moira Shearer appears to have this quality.

She makes of "The Red Shoes" an unforgettable experience for those who are moved by human motion exercised with skill, grace and a clear motive. One hesitates to call Miss Shearer's art dancing. It cannot be claimed carelessly with the numerous forms of frenetic undulation which come under that name. Those who toss their hard-earned dollars into the maw of the Queen's and Alhambra from next Wednesday will see something new—a form entirely devoted to ballet. Though it starts out with two stories, one within the ballet of "The Red Shoes" and one of the people concerned with it, the two converge before the end, making of the whole a melange of fantasy and fact which is more than slightly diverting.

Basically, the story is concerned with two young lovers, Victoria Page (Moira Shearer) and Julian, Craster (Marius Goring), and Boris Lermontov (Anton Walbrook), entrepreneur and ruler of the Ballet Lermontov.

Victoria is a young, unknown dancer and Julian is a composer who has discovered by Boris who is as mad as he is brilliant where ballet is concerned.

Julian makes a startling revelation of the score of a ballet "The Red Shoes", which Lermontov has had sitting on the shelf. Boris decides to produce the "Shoes" opera. Fortunately, the company's

a matter of makeup. Hollywood is not satisfied with a pretty girl. It has to make her beautiful—and thus, in most cases, faintly artificial.

Miss Calvert plays in this instance a servant in the household of the Fortunes, on the coast of Maine. She falls in love with the son of the house, who is being browbeaten by his father to take on the sea as a profession against his own wishes which are to write music.

The errant son and his sister (Ella Raines) runaway to Paris with the serving wench's connivance. Love's dream returns from there complete with smart society wife.

This shocks the skivvy somewhat but does not kill her. Later she gets the reward that one knows all along is due to her if she takes enough snatches in the eye from the target of her amour.

One particularly happy spot in the film is when the young musical genius arrives very drunk to play his concerto at a concert arranged for him by his wife's father. He becomes a little tired of the concerto and all the nonsense attendant upon the performance and breaks into "A Bicycle Built For Two" half way through.

Robert Siodmak produced and directed "Time Out of Mind". He is to be credited with some fine dramatic effects and imaginative handling of scenes. He is to be debited with a rather unimpressive film.

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A word of reproach from Leonide Massine to Ludmilla Tcherina during rehearsal of one of the Ballet Lermontov's masterpieces which form a continuous background to "The Red Shoes". Robert Helpman sits on the right. Star of the film, Moira Shearer, looks on diffidently from behind.

There are times when "The Red Shoes" drags its feet a little. Perhaps this was unavoidable in a work which has the swift-moving medium of ballet as its backbone.

However, it remains a considerable and worthwhile achievement. Thanks to the generosity of the J. Arthur Rank organization and the management of the Queen's theatre, the proceeds of the premiere of the "The Red Shoes" at 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16—will be given to the funds of the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society.

The premiere will be under the patronage of the Governor and Lady Grantham. Bookings (Dress circle \$10, Stalls \$5) may be obtained at the Queen's or from the Secretary, Family Welfare Society, 403 China Building, 4th Floor (Telephone 21708).

ment on the part of the production-direction team of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger and of the J. Arthur Rank organization.

One thing leads to several others: Victoria and Julian are married; Lermontov flies into hot and cold rages to order; other members of the company—Boris (Anton Walbrook), Ljubov (Leonide Massine) and others—register varying degrees of alarm and despondency; Victoria returns to the company on the night her husband is having a new opera performed for the first time; the climax is reached.

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Heroine  
In A  
Wheelchair

Remembered by many for her performances in ingenue parts in "Random Harvest" and "Song of Russia," Miss Susan Peters makes a dramatic comeback in "The Sign of the Ram," coming to the King's soon.

Miss Susan Peters, making her comeback to films in a wheelchair in which she is confined as a result of a hunting accident in 1945, plays the part of a grim woman blighting the lives of those around her—supposedly because she is under the effect of the spell cast on all who are born under the Zodiacal sign of the Ram.

It appears that the title of this photoplay comes from astrological information to the effect that those people born under the Zodiacal sign of Aries, the ram (from March 21 to April 20), are endowed with strong will power and obstinacy of purpose—have a magnificent store of health and energy—desire to be looked up to and regarded as the head both in and out of the home. They will stop at nothing to achieve their desires.

For the sake of the ram children it is to be hoped that the astrologists err in this matter. At any rate one hopes that they do not all turn out like the beautiful, wheelchair-bound megalomaniac, Leah St. Aubyn, the character played by Susan Peters in the film.

This Leah is an authoress. She has a superficially happy home life with her husband Mallory (Alexander Knox), Jane (Allene Roberts) and Christine (Peggy Ann Garner).

Suffering heavily from the ram hoodoo, however, dear Leah cannot let sleeping dogs lie. Possibly this is because she is plainly a dog herself—feminine gender.

Both Logan and Jane have their love-life interfered with to some time, and, as a result, leave home in a huff. Leah is a mite upset by all this, a fact which causes her devoted step-

## RAM CURSE



daughter Christine to take a hand in the interference game. She blames her stepmother's secretary (Phyllis Thaxter) for all the trouble. Eventually Leah comes to believe that this malignant creature is toying with her husband. Things become fairly hectic about this time and whip up to something quite fruity in the way of climaxes.

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## WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE SECOND BOOK

## THEIR FINEST HOUR

Anxious About London  
By Winston Churchill

department in the shelters. This put everybody on their mettle. Eight of these returns were actually furnished. It was amusing to see that the fighting departments were for some time in the worst position. Offended and spurred by this implied reproach, they very quickly took their proper place. The loss of hours in all departments was reduced to a fraction. Presently our fighters made daylight attack too costly to the enemy, and this phase passed away. In spite of the almost continuous alerts and alarms which were sounded, hardly a single Government department was hit during daylight when it was full of people, nor any loss of life sustained. But how much time might have been wasted in the functioning of the war-machine if the civil and military staffs guided up the wrong alley!

## Not Full

It will always add to the renown of the British Parliament that its Members continued to sit and discharge their duties through all this period. The Commons are very touchy in such matters, and it would have been easy to misjudge their mood. When one Chamber was damaged, they moved to another, and I did my utmost to persuade them to follow wise advice with good grace. Their migrations will be recorded in due course.

## Days Shorten

Prime Minister to Sir Edward Bridges. [Cabinet Secretary.] 12.12.40.

Will you kindly convey to the Cabinet and Ministers the suggestion which I make that our hours should be somewhat advanced. Luncheon should be at 1 o'clock, and Cabinet times moved forward by half an hour. In principle it will be convenient if we aim at an earlier dinner.

Our outlook at this time was that London, except for its strong modern buildings, would be gradually and soon reduced to a rubble-heap. I was deeply anxious about the life of the people of London, the greater part of whom stayed, slept and took a chance where they were. The brick and concrete shelters were multiplying rapidly. The Tubes offered accommodation for a good many. There were several large shelters, some of which held as many as 7,000 people, who camped there in confidence night after night little knowing what the effect of a direct hit would have been upon them. I asked that brick traverses should be built in these as fast as possible. About the Tubes there was an argument which was ultimately resolved by a compromise.

In this new phase of warfare it became important to extract the optimum of work not only from the factories but even more from the departments in London which were under frequent bombardment during both the day and night. At first, whenever the sirens gave the alarm, all the oc-

be dug out, and exploded or rendered harmless. This was a task of the utmost peril, especially at the beginning when the means and methods had all to be learned by a series of decisive experiences. I have already recounted the drama of dismantling the magnificent mine, but this form of self-devotion now became commonplace while remaining sublime.

Special companies were formed in every city, town and district. Volunteers pressed forward for the deadly game. Teams were formed which had good or bad luck. Some survived this phase of the war. Others did not. Even 40 courses before they met their fate. The Unexploded Bomb (U.B.) detachments presented themselves wherever I went in my tour. Some were digging out of ordinary men, however brave and faithful. They were gaunt, they were haggard, their faces had a bluish look, with bright gleaming eyes and exceptional comprehension of the lips, with a perfect demure. In writing about our hard times we are apt to overuse the word "grim." It should have been reserved for the U.B. Disposal Squads.

## A Joke

It seems incongruous to record a joke in such sombre scenes. But in war the soldier's harsh laugh is often a measure of his own compressed emotions. The party were digging out a bomb, and their prize man had gone down the pit to perform the delicate act of disconnection. Suddenly he shouted to be drawn up. Forward went his mates and pulled him out. They seized him by the shoulders and, dragging him along, all rushed off together for the fifty or sixty yards which were supposed to give a chance. They lunged themselves on the ground. But nothing happened. The prize man was seriously upset. He was blanched and breathless. They looked at him inquiringly. "My God," he said, "there was a rat!"

One squad I remember which may be taken as symbolic of many others. It consisted of three people—the Earl of Suffolk, his lady private secretary, and his rather aged chauffeur. They called themselves "The Holy Trinity." Their prowess and continued existence got around among all who knew. Thirty-four unexploded bombs did they tackle with urbane and smiling efficiency. But the thirty-fifth claimed its forfeit. Up went the Earl of Suffolk and his Holy Trinity. But was any sure that as for "Mr. Valiant-for-Truth," all the trumpets sounded for them on the other side.

## No Defence

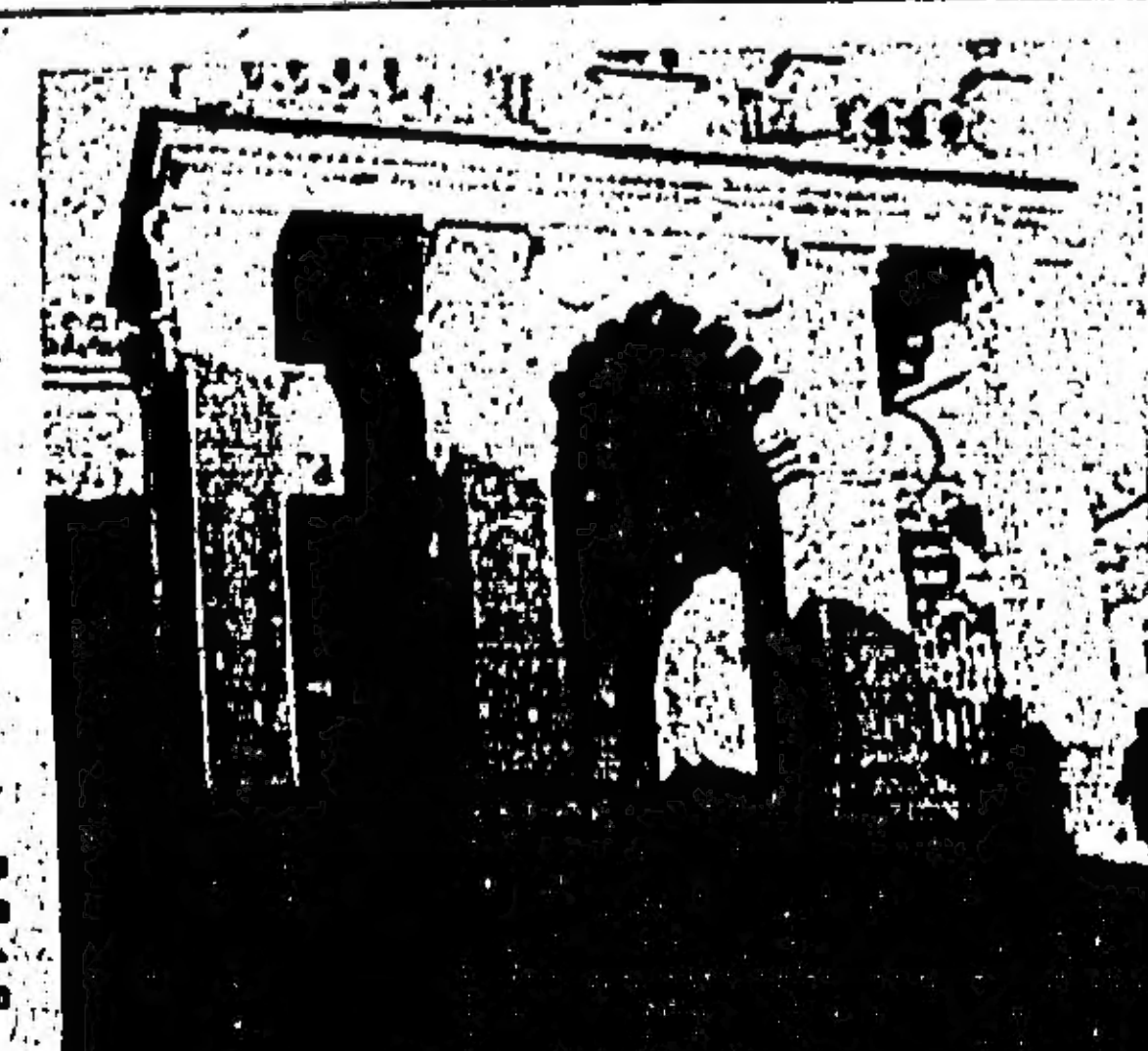
About the same time the enemy began to drop numbers of naval mines of a weight and explosive power never carried by aircraft before. Many formidable explosives took place. To this there was no defence except reprisal. The abandonment by the Germans of all pretence of confining the air war to military objectives had also raised this question of retaliation. I was for it, but I encountered many consciences. The scruples among those who demurred was my friend Admiral Tom Phillips, Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff. It is difficult to compare the ordeal of the Londoners in the winter of 1940-41 with that of the Germans in the last three years of the war. In this latter phase the bombs were much more powerful and the raids far more intense. On the other hand, long preparation and German thoroughness had enabled a complete system of bomb-proof shelters to be built, into which all were forced to go.

## Bluish Look

In the middle of September, 1940, a new and damaging form of attack was used against us. Large numbers of delayed-action bombs were now widely and plentifully cast upon us and became an awkward problem. Long stretches of railway-line, important junctions, the apaches to vital factories, airfields, main thoroughfares, had scores of times to be blocked-off and denied to us in our need. These bombs had to

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## DEATH

Da ROSA.—On February 20, after a long illness in the St. Marie Isolation Hospital, Jao Da Rosa, dearly beloved father of Dolores and Laila, died.

## DEFENCE FORCE

From correspondence in these columns recently regarding the Defence Force, it appears—as we anticipated in former editorials—that a distinct conflict exists among persons of British origin with at least comparable backgrounds and loyalties, persons of integrity and courage, who wish to see a continuance of British rule here, but who differ as to ways and means.

Few if any of our readers can doubt that the authorities at Home and in Hong Kong have initiated the Defence Force except in honesty and sincerity, believing that, in view of the exigencies of the immediate future, its existence would help to preserve the welfare and properties of the Colony's citizens in these troubled times. Very fair conditions have been offered, and a wide choice of roles offered to persons of every capability, experience and degree of freedom to serve. Some of the pre-war anomalies have been removed, and a certain guarantee given of better treatment in the future.

To repeat, this has been done in all sincerity by those concerned with the formation of the new force. This newspaper's main criticism has been that insufficient publicity has been given to the recruiting campaign, that the doubts of honest individuals with a bitter taste in their mouth have not been fully resolved, that the really dependable individuals were unlikely to enroll in satisfactory numbers. All opinions which have been borne out by subsequent developments.

Without raising any racial issues, the hard facts are that British-born subjects are the most valuable and dependable; (we are not quoting the authorities here, but facts speak for themselves). Many of those now in the Colony were interned in Shamshui and later in Japan, and their comments have not helped to swell recruiting. From a total of 7,000 Britons and a further 3,000 of British nationality, only 300-odd have so far volunteered. Our correspondent "W" does not claim to speak for anyone but himself, but it cannot be doubted that his views are shared by others.

Yesterday he voiced the "strong suspicion" that those who died in 1941 "were sacrificed in a token defence," a "belief that history is being repeated," and the claim that no concrete plan for defence of the Colony had yet been laid before the public. He goes further and gives his reasons for lack of faith in government's "inefficiency, corruption, maladministration of public funds, and lack of representation."

Now, anyone familiar with the personnel knows that there are sincere persons interested in the Hong Kong Defence Force who cannot understand criticism of plans they know to be honestly motivated, and perhaps of life and death urgency. Their attitude can be appreciated. But from an impartial point of view it is equally clear how the "malcontents" came by their objec-

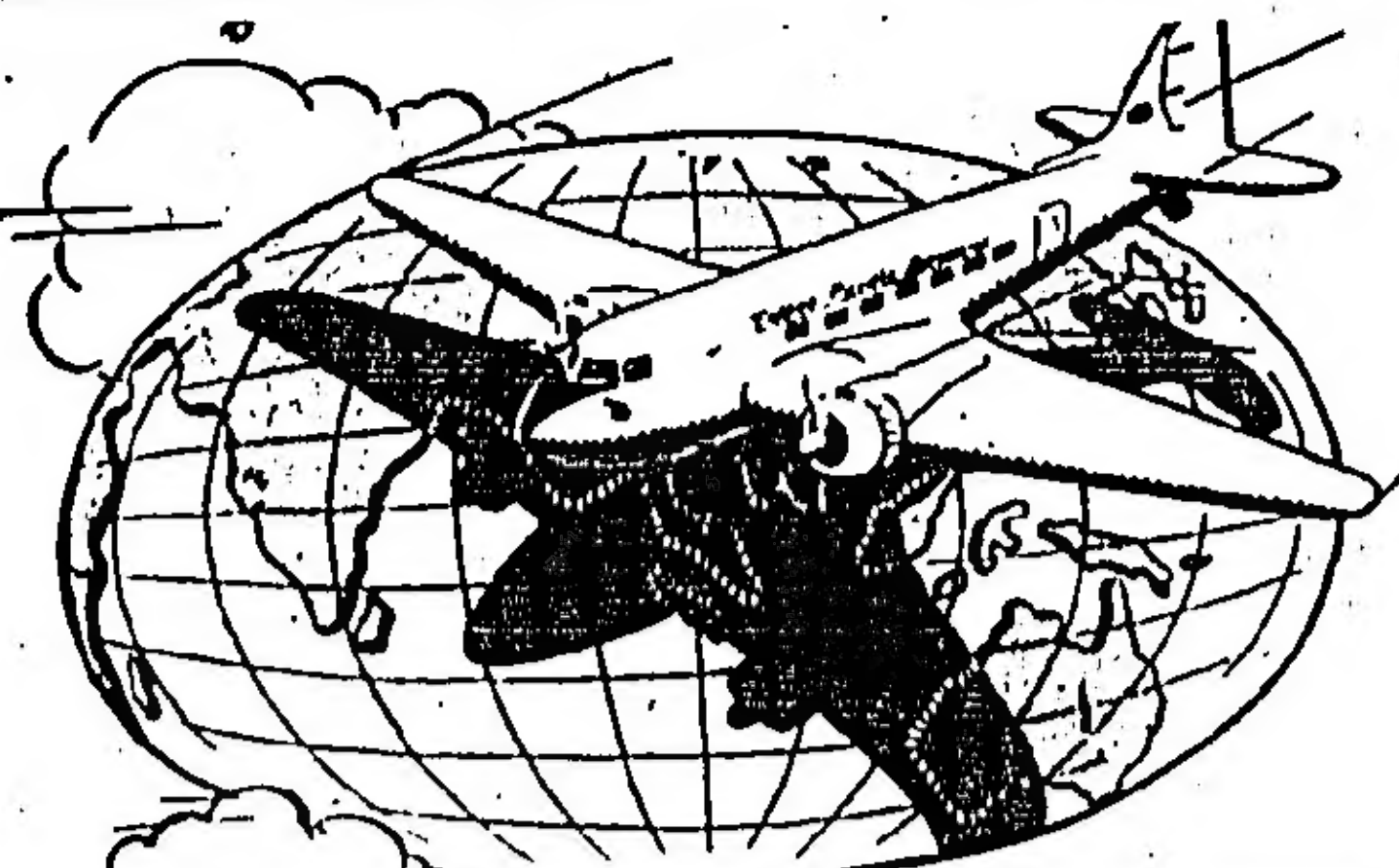
cupants of a score of Ministries were promptly collected and led down to the basements, for what these were worth. Pride even was being taken in the efficiency and thoroughness with which this evolution was performed. In many cases it was only half a dozen acrobats which approached—sometimes only one. Often they did not arrive. A petty raid might bring to a standstill for over an hour the whole executive and administrative machine in London.

## Too Costly

I therefore proposed the stage "Alert," operative on the siren warning, as distinct from the "Alarm" which should be enforced only when the spotters on the roof, or Jim Crows, as they came to be called, reported "imminent danger" which meant that the enemy were actually overhead or very near. Schemes were worked out accordingly. In order to enforce rigorous compliance, while we lived under these repeated daylight attacks, I called of a weekly return of the number of hours spent by the staff of each

tions. Men and women who served six years in uniform or 3½ years in prison camp have to be convinced that what they term injustice, unfairness and stupidity cannot happen again.

Surely the time is now overdue for the Administration to come out into the open and answer some of the objections that have been made? In the event of trouble, will the Colony be supported by regiments of regular soldiers, warships and aircraft? How well are servicemen and their dependents to be looked after this time? Is there any hope for real democracy here? To be frank—why should the disenfranchised, impecunious employee without even the elementary right of voting on his own affairs, feel urgently patriotic towards Hong Kong? He could be, but he isn't now, and the fault cannot be laid casually and utterly at his own gate.



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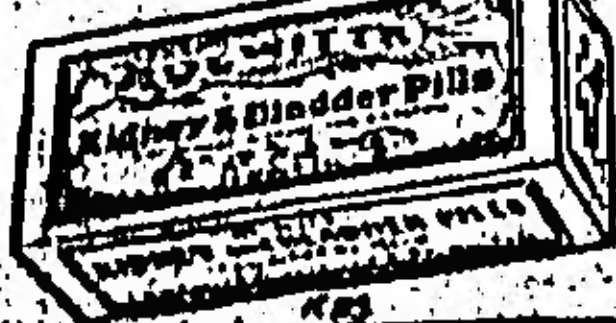
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"Oh, it's just he's so happy," answered Mama Rabbit. "At school today he learned how to multiply."

The Dutch seem to be in the cart about Jorjakarta.

Direct sea communication has been re-established with the Persian Gulf after a break of 10 years. That cheer you heard was from our poppy lovers.

Small taxis are not allowed on the Hong Kong side. Our streets wouldn't look so full of traffic without those big, gold-dollar bought vehicles patrolling them to empty, orderly lines.

Joe Louis, when asked who hit him hardest during his boxing career, replied, "The Collector of Inland Revenue."

When you're down and out, something always turns up. Especially the nose of your friends.

Then there was the young man who asked the nudist if she'd anything on tonight.

Shanghai police have seized \$15,000,000 of Communist currency. It is understood that offers from Peking to exchange gold yuan for them have been patriotically refused.

Africa may in future supply the soldiers' taste used to get from India. Sounds like an impl-realistic idea to me.



The empty saddle belonged to Pancho—he referred to the Senora as the "Corned Beef Queen."

by iron routine. When eventually we got into Germany we found cities completely wrecked, but strong buildings standing up above the ground and spacious subterranean galleries where the inhabitants slept night after night, although their houses and property were being destroyed all around. In many cases only the rubble-heaps were stirred.

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# RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA IN UNITED KINGDOM RUNS THROUGH EMBASSY

## Talks On Indonesia Postponed

The Hague, March 9.  
A round-table conference on Indonesia, called by the Dutch for next Saturday, has been postponed for a few weeks because the Republicans have not accepted the invitation.

The United Nations Commission for Indonesia has asked the Security Council for a ruling on whether the Commission should agree to attend.

An official spokesman here said the Dutch Cabinet has revised its original rejection of the Security Council's demand that the Republican Indonesian Government be reinstated in its Dutch-occupied capital of Jogjakarta.

But it is believed that the Dutch will insist on Republican leaders deciding to take part in the round-table conference before allowing them to go back to Jogjakarta.

The spokesman said, the Netherlands' delegate, J. H. Van Royen, has not been instructed to make a definite announcement at tomorrow's meeting of the United Nations Security Council.

The Indonesian Federalists are still discussing the Dutch invitation with the Republicans and have made Republican attendance of the conference a condition for their own participation.—Reuter.

## BIGGER KICK IN GERMAN BEER

Frankfurt, March 9.  
German brewers, granted 15,000 tons of barley for beer production, have been told by Bavarian officials that they can strengthen their brew for domestic consumption for the second time in under a year.  
The newly-authorised potency, which is subject to approval by the various states, is nearly five times stronger than it was a year ago. The barley allowance was conditional on the Germans fulfilling their bread grain production quota.—Reuter.

## 'RUSSIA MAKING THE ATOM BOMB'

Göttingen, March 9.  
A German atomic expert is almost certain that Russia is making atomic bombs at two remote Siberian industrial centres.

Professor Werner Heisenberg, Nobel Prize winner and wartime head of German atomic research, also says that Soviet scientists may have made dangerous discoveries in the field of death rays.

Professor Heisenberg said that information leaking through the iron curtain supports the belief that the Russians are producing atomic weapons at their new city of Atomgrad and at the special industrial centre at Uchta, which resembles the United States' atom factory at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Both Atomgrad and the Uchta area are South West of the Siberian capital of Irkutsk, in the East Ural mountains which separate European from Asiatic Russia.

The German scientist said Soviet atomic research has been cloaked in remarkable secrecy, but that enough information has filtered through from Eastern Europe to convince him that Russia has succeeded in producing atomic weapons.

London, March 9.  
Lord Vansittart, former diplomatic advisor to the Cabinet, alleged today that artificial jewellery has been smuggled from Prague to London in Czechoslovak diplomatic bags to finance Communist propaganda in Britain.

He told the House of Lords that recently a member of the Czech Embassy in London and a man in Prague hit upon this method of paying for propaganda and particularly a system of intelligence in British factories.

He said the Rumanian Legation in London had been reduced to the status of a sub-section of the Soviet Information Service, and, indeed, have all the satellite missions.

Lord Vansittart said there are about 75 Rumanians in the Rumanian Legation in London, who are grouped and controlled in the Anglo-Rumanian Society, whose principal members are Messrs. Gallacher and Piratin (Communist Members of Parliament), Pitt (Independent Labour Member of Parliament), Hewlett Johnson (the "Red" Dean of Canterbury), Haldane (the scientist and a Communist) and Solley (a left wing Member of Parliament).

Lord Vansittart asserted that since last year when the Yugoslav Premier, Marshal Tito, manifested a spark of independence and was promptly excommunicated by the high priests of the Kremlin, the Cominform had unmasked its Western communists through three agencies—the Rumanian Consulate in Milan and the Legations in Bern and Paris.

"During the recent French coal strike, the Rumanian Legation in Paris was used for the transmission of funds and orders for subversion," he said.  
Lord Vansittart said he had been prompted to raise the question of totalitarian diplomacy by what he described as two Soviet diplomatic attempts to sever the last ties with the Western world.

## Bevin Called "Lucky"

When Britain sent a note about the trial of Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, the Hungarian Prime Minister, she not only got a very impertinent reply, but the Hungarian Vice-Foreign Minister had

called the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, "this labour lackey of Western Europe." He considered an insufferable insolence that Britain had received no reply to the several notes on the treason trial of the 15 Bulgarian Protestant pastors.

British diplomacy should be developed to cope with the adversary which comes to us from behind the Iron Curtain, Lord Vansittart declared.

He complained that British diplomats could not move a mile in Soviet and satellite countries without the secret police piling after them.

"Totalitarianism breeds us unscrupulous persons to maintain bad relations," he added.

**Hotbed Of Communism**  
He thought the elevation of Mr. Andrei Vishinsky to the post of Soviet Foreign Minister will mean a further degradation of the relations between the East and West.

Lord Vansittart added that if there are any more abuses by the Hungarian representatives in London, the Hungarian Club in London, which he described as nothing but a hotbed of Communism, should be closed.

Lord Henderson, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the whole root of the trouble is the different conception of diplomacy taken by the Soviet Union. She used it as a weapon in the cold war.

Relief from the present tension and confidence in international peace would come not from Soviet propaganda, but Soviet deeds for peace, he said.

The Soviet Union hopes to destroy the Christian Church as a centre of spiritual resistance and to use a puppet church as a means of controlling the minds and sympathies of the people.

**A Good Answer**  
"No one any longer believes the confessions extorted by the totalitarian police and used in these trials," Lord Henderson added.

Lord Henderson said: "Soviet diplomacy has exaggerated the Western world into the European Recovery Programme and now the Atlantic Pact, either of which would have seemed incredible three years ago. It seems to have resulted in wakening the Western world into a sense of its mission, beliefs and affinities, and to have pushed it into cohesion."

"It is responsible for the final demise of American isolationism. Our diplomacy has not been slow to take advantage of this situation. In the work which has been done in developing the European Recovery Programme, the Western Union and in other ways, we may reasonably be expected to offer a very good answer to the impending and impending menace of the East."—Reuter.

## SECRET WHEAT PACT DENIED

Ottawa, March 10.  
Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Canadian Prime Minister, has denied he has a secret deal with President Truman which would enable Britain to buy Canadian wheat should the United States declare wheat a surplus commodity.  
The Prime Minister said: "Democratic Governments do not function by making so-called 'secret' arrangements."—Reuter.

## Czech Says: Malicious Lie

London, March 9.  
A Czechoslovak Embassy official here tonight described as a malicious lie, allegations in the House of Commons today by Lord Vansittart that diplomatic bags at the Czechoslovak Embassy in London were used for smuggling artificial jewellery to finance Communist propaganda in Britain.

Told of the speech shortly after its delivery this afternoon, the Counsellor of the Embassy, Mr. Edward Goldtucker, told Reuter: "There is not a grain of truth in the allegations, which are a malicious lie. That is all there is to say."—Reuter.

## Hong Kong And Arctic In Touch

Rosyth, March 9.  
Britain's light aircraft-carrier Vengeance (13,000 tons) was in touch with Hong Kong during her trip to the Arctic.

HMS Vengeance was also in touch with Britain, Canada and Simonstown, the naval base in South Africa.

The Royal Navy's cold weather trials in the Arctic Circle were 95 per cent successful, Captain John Terry, who commanded Vengeance on its three weeks' patrol in Arctic waters, said.

Scientists have learned much about the effect of extreme cold on personnel and ships' gear, but had weather reduced flying trials to two half days.

Tactically, he said, the trials proved that light aircraft carriers cannot move in pack ice without risk of serious damage and that movement by night is difficult because radar does not pick up the flat pack ice.

The cold had no effect on radar and radar transmission.—Reuter.

## Terror Campaign's Effect On Mining

London, March 9.  
Prospecting for new tin-bearing areas in Malaya has been slowed down by the disturbances, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told the House of Commons today.

The protection of miners and mines has been carefully organised, but it is not at present possible to provide individual escorts for small prospecting parties in remote areas, he said.

The tin production targets for 1949 to 1951 are based on the assumption that the existing mines will be rehabilitated and that new ground will be brought into production.

Mr. Creech Jones was replying to Mr. Norman Hulbert, Conservative, who had asked if he knows that under the present conditions in Malaya, it is impossible for prospecting for new areas of tin-bearing ground to go forward to replace those areas now being worked out.

Under these conditions, Mr. Hulbert said, it will prove impossible for the tin-production target, set in the four-year plan, to be reached. He asked what is to be done to provide adequate protection for the miners in view of the importance of this dollar-earning commodity to Britain's recovery.

Mr. Walter Scott-Elliott, Conservative, asked what the

## STALIN REMODELS DEFENCE CABINET UNDER MOLOTOV

Warsaw, March 9.  
The Soviet Inner Defence Cabinet has been remodelled under the direct control of M. Vyacheslav Molotov, who was released from his duties as Soviet Foreign Minister last week.  
This is according to information reaching political quarters here today.

M. Molotov is stated to have been charged with the long-term co-ordination of the industrial and military potential of the Soviet Union and her allies in Eastern and Central Europe.

This move, these sources stated, reflects the growing Soviet alarm at the progress of the European Recovery Programme and the success of the recent North Atlantic Pact moves by the West.

It is believed here that the first task of the reconstituted Soviet Defence Cabinet has been to call, Eastern Union, meeting of satellite Service chiefs with their political and intelligence aides, which is reported to take place in Hungary shortly.

Some quarters here believe that the next step will be the summing up of emissaries from each country concerned to Moscow for briefing on the fresh Soviet moves to counter the growing Western influence in Scandinavia and to discuss revised priorities for heavy industrial production.

The Polish preliminary national defence budget for 1949, presented yesterday, provides for an expenditure of \$235 million, or more than 12 per cent of the total national budget, compared with \$22 million last year.

## Red Army Model

Three-quarters of this sum is devoted to the Army, which Marshal Rola Zymierski, the National Defence Minister, promised will be trained in 1949 according to the methods perfected by the Soviet Army.

The report, presented to the Sejm (Assembly) Commission, said the class composition of the officer cadets now being trained for a service career is 47 per cent of working class origin, 33 per cent of poor or middle class origin, and 18 per cent of "working intelligentsia."

During the next two years, the National Defence Ministry will complete the registration of reservists to enable plans to be formulated for army reserve training, the Marshal stated.—Reuter.

## NEARLY LOST HIS RECORD

Teterboro, March 9.  
Bill Odom nearly lost a new world record last night when he found no official of the National Aeronautics Association at the airport to witness his landing.

Nearly exhausted after the 5,000-mile non-stop flight from Honolulu, Odom realised that the record might not be recognised and telephoned the airport.

The only official who had seen the landing was a representative of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, but the National Aeronautics Association is the body that has to certify the landing. Officials at the airport hurriedly telephoned the NAA in Washington and asked if a certificate signed by the CAA would do. The NAA said the petrol tank and instruments would have to be checked by the CAA representative.

Officials thereupon dashed over to Odom's plane and found all the petrol drained out.

They were about to break the news to Odom when they ran into the CAA representative, who told them he had supervised the draining of the petrol.

They telephoned Odom, who went to sleep in peace.—Reuter.

## INDIES TEA FOR GREAT BRITAIN

London, March 10.  
Britain hopes to get more tea from The Netherlands East Indies this year, but will not get enough to abolish the tea ration. Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, said this today.—Reuter.

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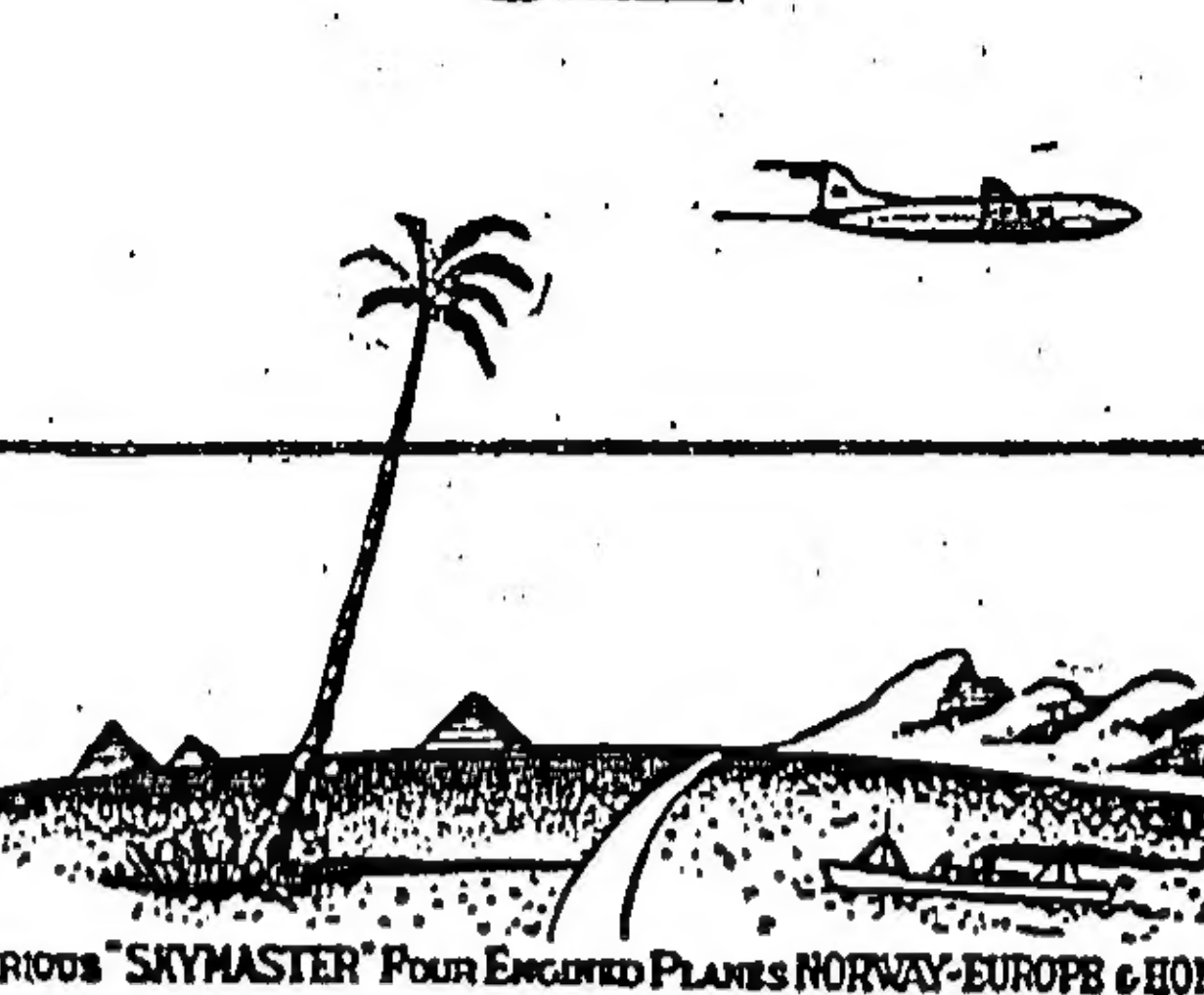
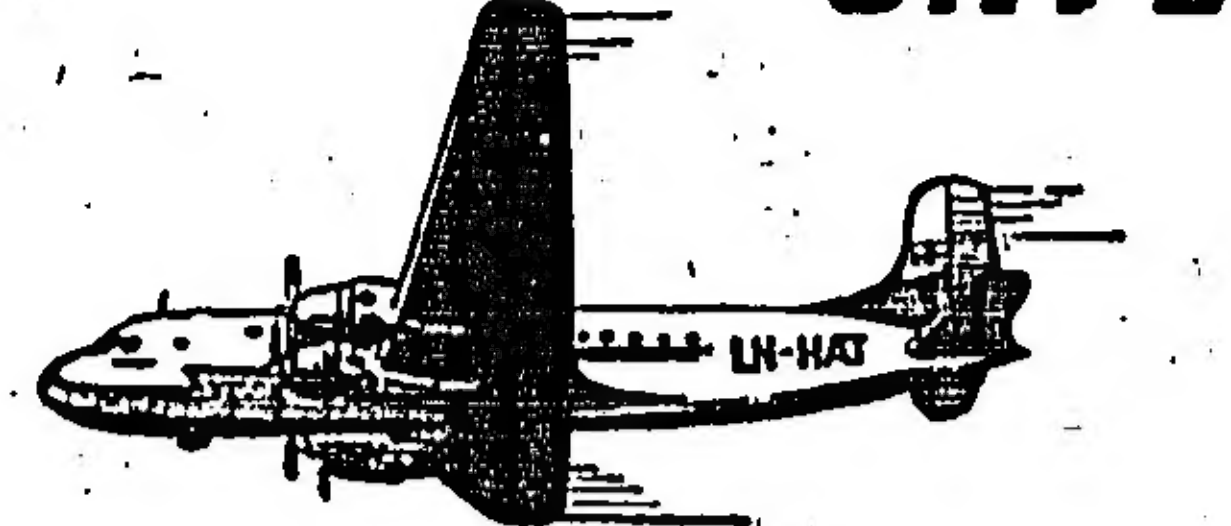
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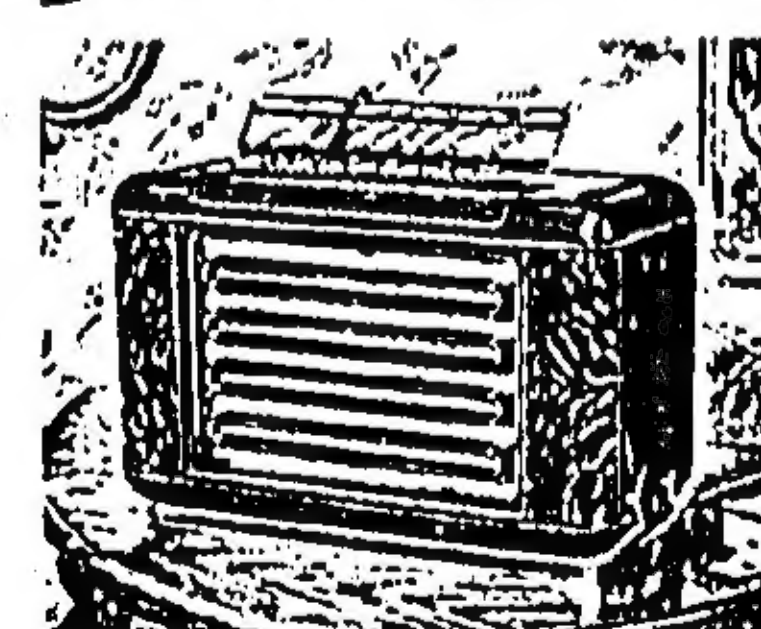
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### Lesson 29

#### Vocabulary:

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 153. (ning) ning <sup>1</sup>   | To carry or to take hold of (with fingers). |
| 154. (loh) law <sup>2</sup>     | To fetch, get, ask for, draw.               |
| 155. (shaam) shaam <sup>1</sup> | A coat. Clothing.                           |
| 156. (kin) geen                 | Classifier for coats, objects, affairs.     |
| 157. (foo) foo <sup>3</sup>     | Trousers.                                   |
| 158. (to) toh <sup>3</sup>      | A set. A series. A suit.                    |
| 159. (cheuk) jeuk <sup>3</sup>  | To wear. To put on.                         |

#### Imitative combination:

- (3) shoot<sup>1</sup> shaam<sup>1</sup> ("oot" as in "foot") A shirt.

#### Conversations:

- |   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Ning <sup>1</sup> lai.                                 | To bring (it).                   |
| 2. Ning <sup>1</sup> hui.                                 | To take (it).                    |
| 3. Ning <sup>1</sup> faan <sup>1</sup> hui.               | To take it back.                 |
| 4. Law <sup>2</sup> tse <sup>2</sup> .                    | To ask for money. To draw money. |
| 5. Law <sup>2</sup> yue <sup>2</sup> .                    | To fish.                         |
| 6. Yut <sup>1</sup> geen shaam <sup>1</sup> .             | One coat.                        |
| 7. Yut <sup>1</sup> tsee <sup>1</sup> foo <sup>3</sup> .  | One pair of trousers.            |
| 8. Yut <sup>1</sup> toh <sup>3</sup> shaam <sup>1</sup> . | One suit of clothing.            |
- Conversation:
- A. Ning<sup>1</sup> geen shaam<sup>1</sup> lai bay<sup>2</sup> ngaw lah<sup>1</sup>.
- B. Nay jeuk<sup>3</sup> been<sup>1</sup> geen shaam<sup>1</sup> ah<sup>3</sup>?
- A. Ngaw jeuk<sup>3</sup> geen sun<sup>1</sup> geh<sup>3</sup>.
- B. Ngaw wun<sup>2</sup> m doh<sup>2</sup>.
- Nay lai<sup>1</sup> hai<sup>2</sup> been<sup>1</sup> shue<sup>3</sup> neh<sup>1</sup>?
- A. Ngaw lai<sup>1</sup> hai<sup>2</sup> fong<sup>2</sup>.
- B. Hai m hai nee<sup>1</sup> geen ah<sup>3</sup>?
- A. Hai lok<sup>1</sup> m goy<sup>1</sup> nay.
- B. Nay hui<sup>1</sup> been<sup>1</sup> shue<sup>3</sup> ah<sup>3</sup>?
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- B. Kui yeeo<sup>3</sup> tse<sup>2</sup> meh<sup>1</sup>?
- A. Hai, kui dzoh jaw<sup>2</sup> yut<sup>1</sup> toh<sup>3</sup> sun<sup>1</sup> shaam<sup>1</sup>, yeeo<sup>3</sup> tse<sup>2</sup> hui<sup>1</sup> law<sup>2</sup>.

### KING VICTOR'S ESTATE

London, March 9. Former King Victor Emanuel of Italy, who died in Cairo in 1947, left an estate in England valued at £153,287. Details were not revealed. Letters of administration were granted to Hambro's Bank Ltd., for the ex-King's widow, children and grandchildren.—Associated Press.

### PLAGUE IN SIAM

Bangkok, March 10. Reports from Loey, province of North Eastern Siam, said that the plague has killed seven of the 15

### CHAIR MURDERER TO DIE

London, March 9. Harry Lewis, 21, was sentenced to death today for the murder of Harry Michaelson, a cartoonist and commercial artist, last Christmas. Lewis said he broke into Michaelson's flat late on Christmas night in search of money. The cartoonist woke up and, panicking, Lewis picked up a metal chair, with which he hit Michaelson.—Reuter.

### persons stricken there.

Health authorities said most of the cases appeared in rural areas.—Associated Press.

## New Airfield In Kwangtung

Canton, March 9. A small airfield, suitable for light aircraft, has been completed at Tolshan, 160 miles South West of Canton. Chinese sources say the airfield is the first of several of similar size to be built throughout Kwangtung Province.

They are to be used to expedite inspection tours by Provincial Government officials. The plan to build the airfields was originated by Dr. T. V. Soong when he was Governor of Kwangtung. He also bought several small aircraft, which were delivered last year.—Reuter.

## OPPOSITION MARCH OUT

Buenos Aires, March 9. The Opposition Radical Party last night tore up copies of President Juan Peron's constitutional reform proposals, throw them at the Peronista benches and marched out of Argentina's Constituent Assembly in protest against the measure. This followed a day of prolonged disorders in the Assembly. The Radical Party leader, Senator Moises Lebenson, told the Assembly that they were leaving because Peronista spokesmen in the Assembly had declared the reforms are designed only to enable President Peron to be re-elected.—Reuter.

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- 1.30 p.m.—Close Down.
- 2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
- 6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: The Story of Music in England during the last Four Hundred years, written by Ruth Kirby. (Studio)
- 6.15 p.m.—A Concert by the Pupils of Maryknoll Convent. (Studio)
- 6.30 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio: Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S. K. Lee. (Studio)
- 6.50 p.m.—Charles Shadwell and His Orchestra.
- 7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
- 7.15 p.m.—Sports Preview. (Studio)
- 7.30 p.m.—Handbox. From the Golden Hippodrome, London. (HICTS)
- 8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorial." (London Relay)
- 8.10 p.m.—"The Man Born to be King" by Dorothy L. Sayers, 12th Play (Final) "The King Comes to His Own." (HICTS)
- 9.05 p.m.—Light Piano Parade.
- 9.15 p.m.—"Here Comes the Captain" by Henry Wade. Read by Clifford Davies. (Studio)
- 9.45 p.m.—A Short Programme of the Music of Bach.
- 10.00 p.m.—Radio News Real. (London Relay)
- 10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
- 10.18 p.m.—"The Old Rocking Chair" A Programme of Old-Time Melodies and Songs. Introduced by Christopher Stone. (HICTS)
- 10.45 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
- 11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

# FIGHTING REPORTED IN SOUTH PALESTINE

London, March 9.

Transjordan today claimed that new fighting has broken out in Southern Palestine, menacing the British force based at Akaba, but an Israeli spokesman discounted the report.

The Transjordanian report, sent to the British Foreign Office, said Israeli troops in some strength are fighting their way across the Negev desert toward the Transjordanian port.

Officials in Amman told the British Minister, Sir A. Kirkbride, that troops of the two nations clashed at an undisclosed point in the Negev area. Transjordanian delegates on the island of Rhodes reported to the United Nations authorities that two Israeli columns are advancing on Akaba.

The United Nations Palestine Commission, headed by Ralph Bunche, immediately ordered a team of observers to the Transjordanian city to make a full report.

Transjordanian reports received in Washington said one Israeli column had reached a point 10 miles North of the hamlet of Rasbrash on the Gulf of Akaba near the seaport.

A second column has reached the Jordan River about 70 miles North of Akaba.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli military spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Moshe Perlman, said he has no knowledge of any clash between Israeli and Transjordanian troops.

Earlier, Colonel Perlman had said that no Israelis have invaded Transjordan or left Israeli soil at any other point.

## No Danger To Malayan Rice Ration

London, March 9.

The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, told the House of Commons tonight that there is no danger to Malaya's rice ration in the immediate future. But a continuance of the disturbed state of Burma during the next month or two may give cause for anxiety later in the year.

Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative, had asked what are the latest prospects for exports of rice from Burma, and whether the rice ration in Malaya is likely to be affected by the dangers in the unsold conditions in Burma.

Mr. Strachey replied: "Exports from Burma during January and February have been maintained at a satisfactory level, but the prospects for March must be regarded as uncertain."

"Fortunately, however, exports from Siam are coming out in very good volume and Malaya's stock position, together with supplies actually in sight, is sufficiently good to avoid any danger to the rice ration in the immediate future."

A continuance of the disturbed state of Burma during the next month or two, when shipments should be at their peak, might however give cause for anxiety about the ration later in the year.—Reuter.

## U.S. WARSHIPS FOR CHILE

Santiago de Chile, March 9. Chile is to acquire a number of naval vessels from the United States, according to the newspaper "El Mercurio de Valparaiso" today.

The paper said the Chilean Government will buy an aircraft carrier, the 10,000 tons cruiser Boise, and two or three destroyers.—Reuter.

## GBS GIVES ADVICE TO CANDIDATE

London, March 9.

George Bernard Shaw today lived up the North St. Pancras, London, Parliamentary by-election by a letter telling the Communist candidate why, although also a Communist, he cannot support him.

The 82-year old playwright, in his letter to the Communist candidate, Mr. J. M. G. Le Moine, wrote: "I knew your father when he was the brainiest of the Neutronics of William Morris (an English 19th Century poet and philosopher), who was four great men rolled into one, and did not suffer fools gladly."

"Like Morris, I am a Communist and always call myself so, and when I do I know what I am talking about, which is more than can be said for some of our friends."

Mr. Shaw advanced his age as one reason for not speaking for the Communist cause. "But there is more in it than that," he stated. "The Communist Party know no more about electioneering than a pig knows of a holiday. It has allowed the Tory Party to force on you as an election issue the alternatives of private versus public enterprise, instead of rubbing in the hard fact that in Russia private enterprise flourishes more than ever, while in England our Communist factory acts were followed by unprecedented extensions of private enterprise."

"It has committed you to oppose the Marshall Plan, which is for the moment absolutely necessary," Mr. Shaw stated, adding that this made a vote for the Communists a vote against Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"In the face of such political ineptitude, how can I take sides in the election?" Mr. Shaw asked. "You had better run as an independent, a position much stronger today than it was at the last election, when it meant simply losing one's deposit."—Reuter.

## Talks On Austria May Break Down

London, March 9.

Diplomatic officials said today that the Big Four talks on an Austrian Independence Treaty may break up next week over Yugoslavia's reparations and territorial claims.

The Four Deputy Foreign Ministers, agreed to hear Yugoslavia's representatives again on Thursday. But American sources are not hopeful that the Deputy Foreign Minister, Alex. Bebler, will agree to Western demands that Yugoslavia drop claims on Austria for territory and reparations.

One well-informed Western diplomat said there will be no useful purpose in continuing the talks if the Soviet Union continues to support Yugoslavia's demands. He said the talks may end if there is no further indication of a compromise in the next few days.

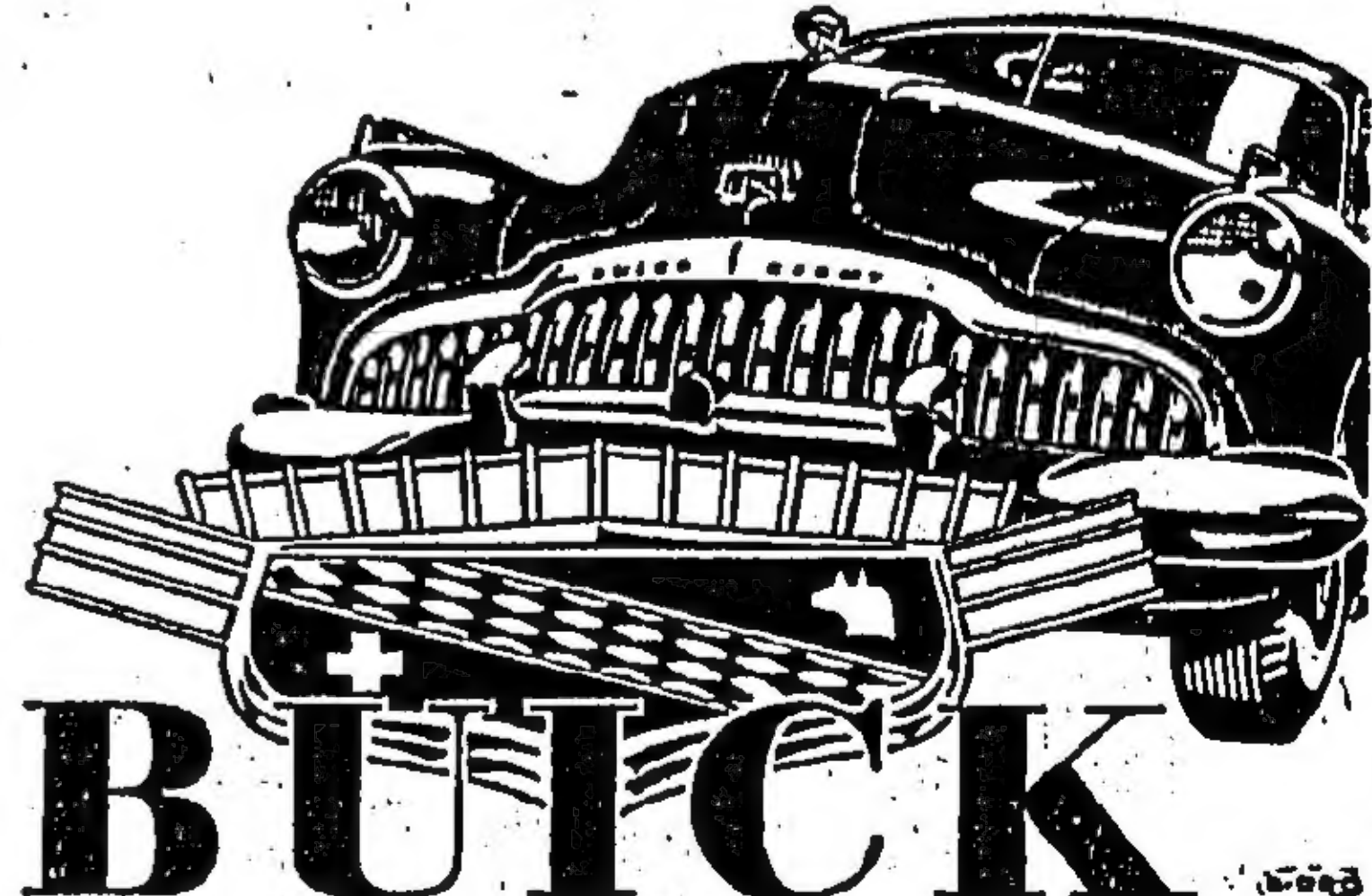
Mr. Bebler is expected to comment on the action of the U.S., France and Britain in rejecting Yugoslavia's modified demands for an unspecified amount of Austrian territory and substantial reparations.

The Russian Ambassador, Georgi Zarubin, has supported Yugoslav claims. The Deputies, who adjourned in a deadlock last Spring, have been meeting for a month in a new attempt to reach an agreement. Yugoslavia reduced her claim for 300 square miles of Southern Austria and £37,500,000 reparations but insisted, with Soviet backing, that some territory and reparations be ceded by Austria.

Three Western Powers support the Austrian Government's opposition to the Yugoslav demands.—Associated Press.

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# MR. BEVIN TO SIGN PACT FOR BRITAIN

## PACT IS A DEFINITE WARNING

Washington, March 10. The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, today pictured the still secret Atlantic Pact as carrying a strong warning to any aggressor that the United States will strike back in the event of an attack on Western Europe.

No aggressor is entitled to make the same mistake three times, he told a news conference. That is a phrase he borrowed from Congressional advocates of the treaty project who argued that the errors of judgment which Germany twice made about American policy toward Europe should never be repeated by it or any other nation.

Mr. Acheson, pointing to the split between Russia and the Western world, termed the defence agreement a logical development in the series of measures the Westerners have adopted in trying to stabilise the divided world.

Mr. Acheson said the U.S. and the other countries have not created something new but simply recognized the association of this country with Western Europe—a relationship going back for 300 years.

The negotiators succeeded, he said, in drafting a treaty which is wholly within the UN charter and one which makes clear the determination of the U.S. and the powers associated with it to exercise their inherent right of self-defence, individually and collectively against aggression from any quarter.—Associated Press.

## MISSING PLAN CAUSED RECALL

London, March 9. A "missing" 10-year plan for the Leeward Islands was one of the reasons why Earl Baldwin, Governor of the Caribbean sugar colony, was recalled to London "for consultation."

He is returning to the Leeward Islands on Friday. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said in the House of Commons today that he had been disturbed by the absence of adequate reports from Lord Baldwin on the industrial situation and other aspects of his administration, which included a 10-year development plan, as well as proposals for constitutional reform.

Mr. Creech Jones said that the plan, awaited for some time, had now been sent by the acting Governor during Lord Baldwin's absence.—Reuters.

Vevey, Switzerland, March 9. A gas machine for filling children's balloons exploded in a department store here today, killing a sales girl and injuring six other people. The windows of the two-story shop were blown out.—Reuters.

London, March 9. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and other West European Foreign Ministers are likely to sail in the Queen Mary on March 25 to sign the Atlantic Pact in April.

Tentative arrangements for signing the Pact will make it necessary to advance the date of the 10-power London conference on setting up a "Parliament of Europe," due to be held on March 28.

The final draft of the North Atlantic Alliance was studied by the Foreign Office today and will probably be placed before the Cabinet.

According to present plans, British approval, considered certain, will be given by the end of the week.

In Washington today, Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, said that he has suggested to the negotiators of the Pact that it should be signed in Washington. They are aiming to sign the pact during the first week in April.

Mr. Acheson said at the weekly press conference that there is no mystery about the nation's attitude toward the pact. He said he was invited to join the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Norway, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg in signing the treaty, but he could make no announcement about the invitations until each country has indicated it is agreeable.

Diplomatic quarters in Washington believe that Italy, Portugal, Denmark and Iceland will be invited to join the Alliance.

Mr. Acheson said that the representatives of the North Atlantic powers have decided on the list of nations who will be invited to join the pact.

**Obstruction By Russians**  
The Pact negotiators are setting up institutional aids which will make the treaty effective.

Reviewing the events which had led to the treaty negotiations, Mr. Acheson said that it had unhappily become apparent that efforts to bring about economic recovery, and work out a settlement of the problems which underlie a permanent peace settlement, are running into difficulties.

It seems clear that the Soviet Union is not prepared to co-operate in this undertaking and intends to delay, if not obstruct, the efforts to reach a settlement. The Secretary of State said he thought President Truman's speech in March, 1947, outlining the "Truman Doctrine" and further aid to Greece and Turkey, was as good a starting point of any for a review of the events leading to the North Atlantic treaty.

It is important that the nations interested in peace remain strong and it is also important that the military not run away with things and that military expenditure not be a disproportionate item in the nation's total expenditure.

It was President Truman who had kept things in balance.

**To Be Signed In Washington**

Mr. Acheson said he had gone over the full draft of the proposed treaty in detail yesterday with some members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

He had been able to clear up certain questions in their minds. Both Washington and Bermuda had been suggested as possible places for the signing of the treaty.

The public announcement that Washington has been suggested as the place for signing is regarded in Washington as indicating that the choice of the

United States' capital is almost certain.

Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, said in Rome today that an invitation to Italy to join the Atlantic Pact can now be considered a certainty.

Addressing members of the Christian Democrat Party, Signor de Gasperi stated that although the invitation is in sight, its terms and procedure are not yet known. "We have shown our willingness to participate in a defensive pact provided it conforms with our dignity," he added.

**Danish Minister Leaves For U.S.**

Three out of four parties represented in Signor de Gasperi's Coalition Cabinet—Christian Democrats, Republicans and Liberals—have approved of Italy's joining the Atlantic Pact.

The attitude of the anti-Communist Socialist is not yet completely clear, although it is reported that Signor Giuseppe Saragat approved the pact on behalf of himself and the two other Ministers of his party at yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

The Parliamentary group of this party met in Rome tonight with its National Executive Council, and agreed that their three Cabinet Ministers should continue in office until the party Congress in June.

The Danish Foreign Minister, Dr. Gustav Rasmussen, left Copenhagen by air tonight for New York, on his way to the Pact discussions with United States representatives.

The Foreign Minister, who seemed in high spirits, hopes to return in about 10 days. He declined to make any further comment.

Dr. Rasmussen took him a list of arms needed for Danish defence. It is believed to contain requirements valued at \$200 million.

**Greenland Bases**

The United States ability to deliver arms to Denmark and the future of American bases on Greenland, Denmark's Arctic colony, are expected to play a prominent part in Dr. Rasmussen's discussions in Washington.

The United States took Greenland under its protection while Denmark was occupied during World War II, and it still maintains a few small posts there.

Dr. Rasmussen is due in New York tomorrow and will call on Mr. Dean Acheson on Friday. It is doubted in the Danish capital whether he will break his return journey by a visit to London.

Dr. Rasmussen is anxious to report to his Government as soon as possible. Shortly after his return, the Danish Parliament will hold a foreign affairs debate in which the Foreign Minister will report on the Washington talks.

Denmark's final decision on the North Atlantic Pact is expected to be taken in this debate.

At The Hague, the draft of the proposed North Atlantic Alliance was received by the Dutch Foreign Ministry today and is already being examined.—Reuters.

## Italy Gets Formal Notice

Rome, March 9. The Italian Government has received formal notice from Washington of a decision to extend the North Atlantic Pact to Italy.

The decision was communicated to the Italian Government through its Ambassador in Washington, Signor Alberto Tarchiani. An official invitation to join the pact will arrive when the text is sent to Italy for approval before signing.—Reuters.

## ITALIAN QUAKE

Rome, March 9. A slight earthquake was recorded today by Florence and the Italian News Agency reported.

The quake was recorded at 4.10 a.m. GMT by both institutes at some distance between the two towns in Tuscany. No damage is reported.—Associated Press.

## Britain Tries Out Her Defences

London, March 9. Rear-Admiral Earl Mountbatten today tested, and found good, the British defences of the Straits of Gibraltar.

Ending war games involving 44 ships of the British Home and Mediterranean fleets, Earl Mountbatten led his attacking force towards the Straits but was repulsed, the Admiralty reported.

An Admiralty source said the exercises showed the Fleet to be somewhat vulnerable to air attack.

For that reason, the Admiralty ordered mock exercises in the Bay of Biscay and in the approaches to Plymouth near the end of March.

The Home Fleet's job will be to beat off attacking carrier and home-based aircraft and also submarines.

The RAF also rehearsed today in a test of Scottish ground defences and the civilian-manned Observer Corps.

Edinburgh, Glasgow and other cities were attacked by bombers on Tuesday night, and single fighters made mock raids on airfields.

B-29 bombers of the 3rd U.S. Air Division, based in England, are expected to take part in the third phase of the exercises starting on Saturday.

## Arctic Tests

Meanwhile, the aircraft carrier Vengeance returned after testing equipment within the Arctic Circle. Captain John Terry, commanding, said that an immense amount was learned about Arctic flying conditions types of clothing, food and Radar operation.

Two destroyers, a frigate, a submarine and an oiler took part in the three weeks tests.

Tactically, the trials proved that extreme cold in the Arctic Circle does not preclude the possibilities of naval warfare, but it does impose sharp limitations," Captain Terry said.

"We found out that movement by night is virtually out of the question because Radar does not pick up the flat pack ice."—Associated Press.

## ONLY WAY TO BLOCK RUSSIA

Rome, March 9. The Premier, Alcide de Gasperi, today declared that Italy cannot ignore the danger of Soviet expansion, and the Atlantic Pact is the only means of blocking Russia.

Speaking to a special conference of his Christian Democrats Party on foreign affairs, the Premier said: "In its policy, the Italian Government has no hostile intention toward Russia, but the government is against expansion of the Russian ideology. The Atlantic Pact is the only means of preventing the transformation of this ideology into action."

De Gasperi discussed with party leaders matters for the next week's Parliamentary debate when the Communists will seek a non-confidence vote on the issue of Italian participation in the Atlantic Pact.

He reported that in January the Italian Government gave the United States Government a memorandum explaining her position and expressing her willingness to participate in the defence system.

But, he added, before Italy joins any such pact public opinion must be informed and the Parliament will have to approve negotiations for the Atlantic Pact and ratify the Pact itself.—United Press.

## Mountbattens Hit By Heavy Taxes

London, March 10. Taxation has hit Britain's famous Mountbatten family so hard that a bill to free Lady Mountbatten from inheritance restrictions is to be introduced in the House of Lords.

Object of the bill is to give the wife of India's last Viceroy greater personal control over her share of the £6 million fortune left in 1921 by her grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel.

A statement from her solicitors today said that because of the great increase in taxation the net income of Lord and Lady Mountbatten has been reduced to one-ninth of what it was following their marriage 26 years ago.

Legal and financial advisers have told the Mountbattens that unless the inheritance restrictions are removed they will have to reduce their public work drastically, the statement added.

The reduction in their income coincided with an ever increasing range of public duties which have involved them in unavoidable and heavy expenditures.

Under her grandfather's will, Lady Mountbatten, aged 47, was left a life interest in a capital sum of about £1 million which provided a large yearly income. The bequest has restrictions which not only prevent her touching the capital, but bar her from borrowing on future income.

An act passed in 1935 prevented these restrictions being applied to married women but it did not apply to Lady Mountbatten's inheritance.

Hence the promotion of what is known as a "personal bill" in Parliament.

The last time this procedure was adopted was in 1946, when a bill was enacted in connection with the Marquess of Abergeenny's estate breaking a four century old provision. The step now being taken will

not affect the interests of Lady Mountbatten's two daughters, who are the ultimate beneficiaries under the inheritance.

In 1921 when Lady Mountbatten inherited her fortune from Sir Ernest Cassel, Ann, a sister and close friend of King Edward VII, the standard rate of income tax was six shillings in the pound. Today the standard rate is nine shillings in the pound plus a heavy surtax for incomes above £2,000 a year.

For every £1 of her income above £5,000 Lady Mountbatten would have to pay 19/- in tax. This is how Sir Ernest's £6 million was divided:

First, death duties of £2,500,000 were paid to the State. Then five-eighths of the residuary estate were left to his two granddaughters, Miss Edwina Ashley (now Lady Mountbatten) and Miss Ruth Mary Ashley (now Lady Delamere). This proportion was again divided under the will into eight parts, giving Edwina five shares and Mary three.

The will laid down that capital and income should go to Lady Mountbatten's children in the event of her death, or, if she had no children, be added to her sister's share.—Reuters.

## ACK-ACK CENTRE IN CYPRUS

Limasol, Cyprus, March 9. British specialists will shortly establish an anti-aircraft centre near here, according to reliable sources.

One Cyprus regiment has been reorganised into an anti-aircraft unit and Cypriot soldiers sent abroad for specialised training in this field.—United Press.

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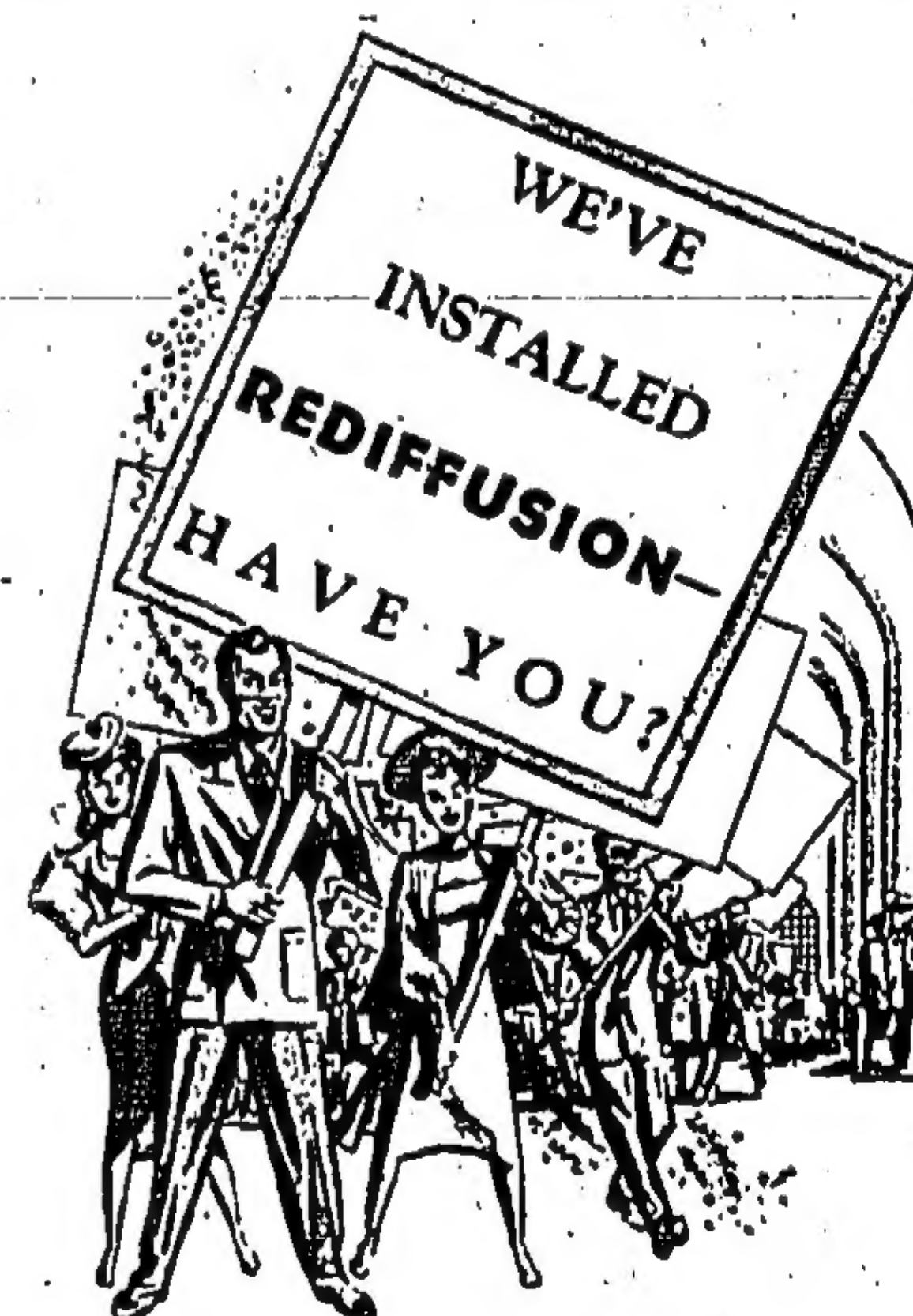
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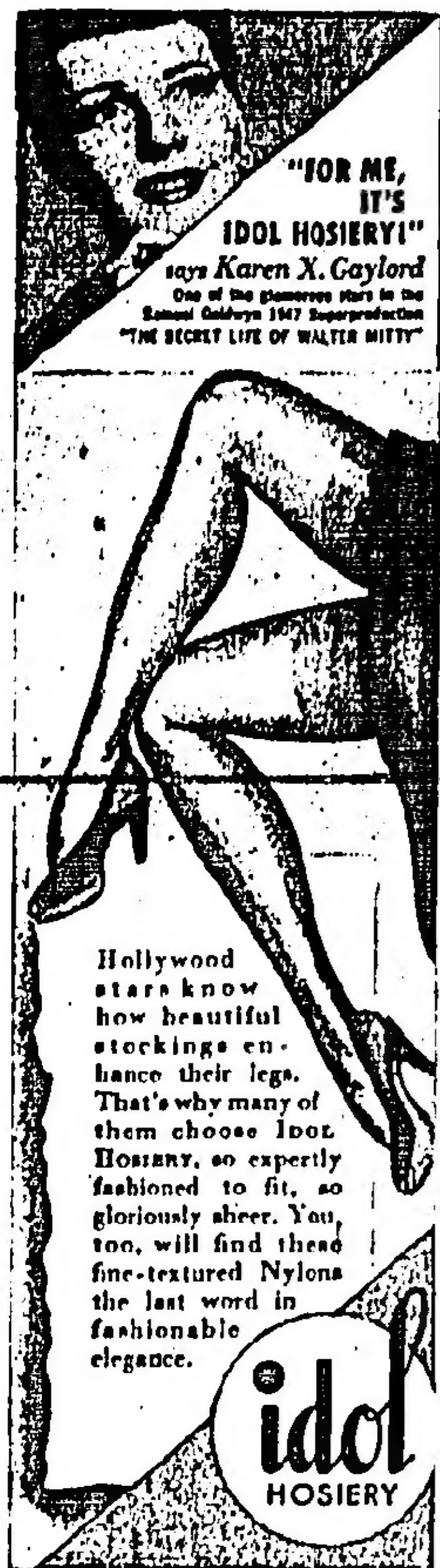
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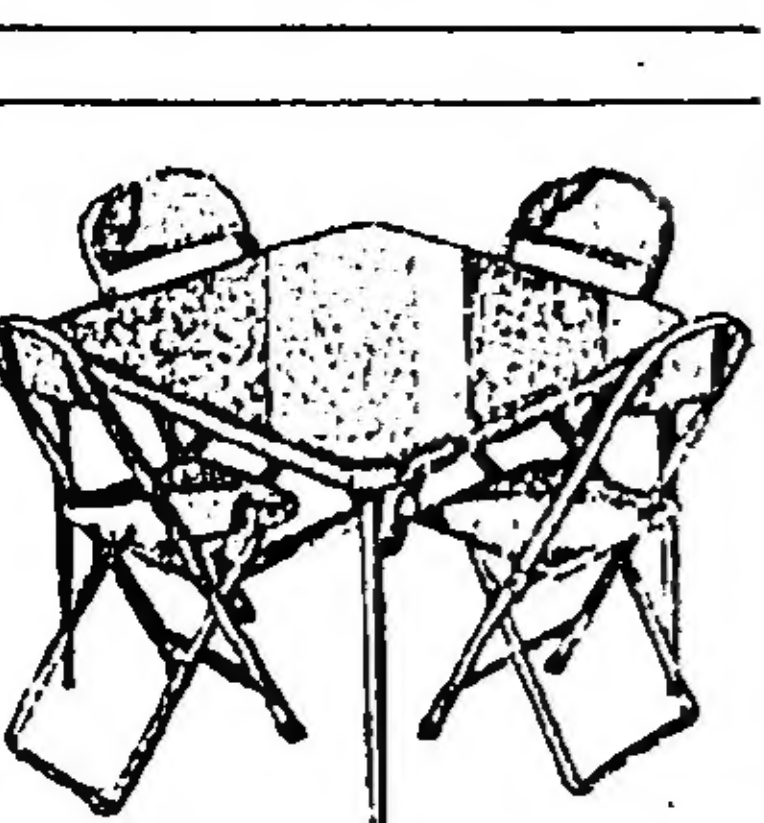
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## 'KIDNAPPED' AIRMEN TELL EXCITING STORY

Shanghai, March 10.  
All the 18 occupants of the "kidnapped" China National Aviation Corporation C-47 plane, which was forced to land at Tsinan, the Communist-held capital of Shantung, were well treated during their 38 days' captivity.

They were virtually confined in the Tsinan municipal hostel, where they were not allowed to communicate with the outside world, say the three-man crew who returned here yesterday afternoon.

Pilot Donald K. Hassig, of Inglewood, California, Co-pilot C.L. Hsu and the radio operator, T.Y. Wang, were escorted by the Communists to a point near Tsinan on Tuesday night and were sent to Shanghai yesterday by a CNAC plane.

The Communist captors released the three-man crew together with nine passengers, including two Germans, Joseph Kaufholt and W. Hineslop. The passengers are remaining in Tsinan.

They confirm rumours that the plane was "kidnapped" when only 10 minutes out of Shanghai. They said that six armed Communist agents held up Hsu and Wang as they were distributing lunch boxes among the 15 passengers.

The agents had obtained passage aboard the plane by posing as businessmen and petty officials.

With Hsu and Wang covered, the gunmen broke into the pilot's cabin and relieved Captain Hassig of the controls at gun-point. One of the agents thereupon took control of the machine, which he flew expertly.

**Unable To Land**  
The Communist flier immediately changed the course of the plane to Tsinan, which lies approximately 200 miles West of Tsinan. But he appeared perplexed by the controls of the American-built twin-engine aircraft and was unable to land at Tsinan Airfield.

After a brief discussion, the agents approached Hsu and with a wave of their pistols ordered him to make a landing. Hsu made a normal landing under perfect flying conditions.

Communist soldiers and officials detained the members of the crew and the passengers immediately they had alighted and placed them under house arrest. The captives said they were unable to see anything of the Communist city because they were closely guarded and occupied themselves playing chess and reading.

The Communists are still holding the plane.—Reuter.



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## Coffins As Lottery Prize

Listowel, Ontario, March 9.  
A coffin manufacturer has contributed two coffins as a prize in a lottery to raise funds to buy a flood-lighting system for the local baseball park.

The manufacturer will give the winner the purchase price if the latter can not use the prize.—United Press.

## NO IMMUNITY FOR GUBITCHEV

Washington, March 9.  
The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, announced today that Valentine A. Gubitchev, the Russian United Nations engineer arrested at the week-end on charges of espionage, does not possess immunity from prosecution.

He made this statement shortly before meeting the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Alexsander S. Panyushkin.

Mr. Acheson said he is not prepared to give Mr. Panyushkin a final decision today, but hopes to do so soon. He added that a member of the United Nations staff does not possess general diplomatic immunity, but immunity only for acts carried out in his official capacity.—Reuter.

**Strike Fails To Come Off**  
Bombay, March 9.  
Most Indian railway workers ignored the Communist Party's call for a general strike today, and train services were almost normal.

Police and troops, standing by for expected disturbances, planned to coincide with the strike, had to deal with only a few isolated incidents.

The only stoppage reported on the Dominion's railroads—all State-owned—was at Mehsana, on the Baroda State Railway, where substitute staffs took over after a few key men struck work.

The South Indian Railway's Communist-led union had announced yesterday that its strike would start on March 14 and not today, as originally planned.

In Bombay, the police claimed to have smashed a plot to provoke the police to open fire on workers. They arrested 20 people, including a university professor and two trade union leaders, and seized large quantities of leaflets calling on workers to strike.

The Minister of Transport, Sir N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, said in New Delhi that the situation will require careful watching for a week. He is confident of the railwaymen's loyalty.

The police made 38 arrests in a village 20 miles from Cal-

## RAPID DETERIORATION OF ORIENT SITUATION

London, March 9.  
British Government officials today said: "The rapid deterioration in the Far Eastern situation calls for urgent and effective co-operation among South East Asia and the Commonwealth countries."

All official reports show that there has been no improvement in Malaya and that the tin and rubber industries are being seriously affected.

In Burma, the Government is said to have lost control, with the rebellious elements enjoying free access to Siam, Indo-China and the Asian borders, where their influence is practically unhampered.

In Indonesia, chaos is reported to be spreading, with the virtual collapse of all administrative and military control.

Communist influence is said to be becoming manifest under the veteran leader, Tan Malaka, who operates from mountain headquarters near Madun in Java. Malaka is said to be supported, at least partially, by a Mohammedan coalition which previously backed the Indonesian Republican Government under Dr. Hatta.

From Indo-China, reports say that the Vietnamese leaders have voiced opposition to the French Government moves towards rapprochement by installing the former Annamese

**Best Cover**  
In the British view, such co-operation will not entail the regional pact which the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, disclaimed in Parliament on Monday.

British officials said: "In resisting Communism in the interests of the South East Asian countries, the Western powers certainly offer the best cover from Communism until such times as self-governing nations can properly undertake their own responsibilities."

"There appears to be no reason why concerted action for economic reconstruction cannot be carried out within the framework of the Western Union and the Atlantic Pact."—United Press.

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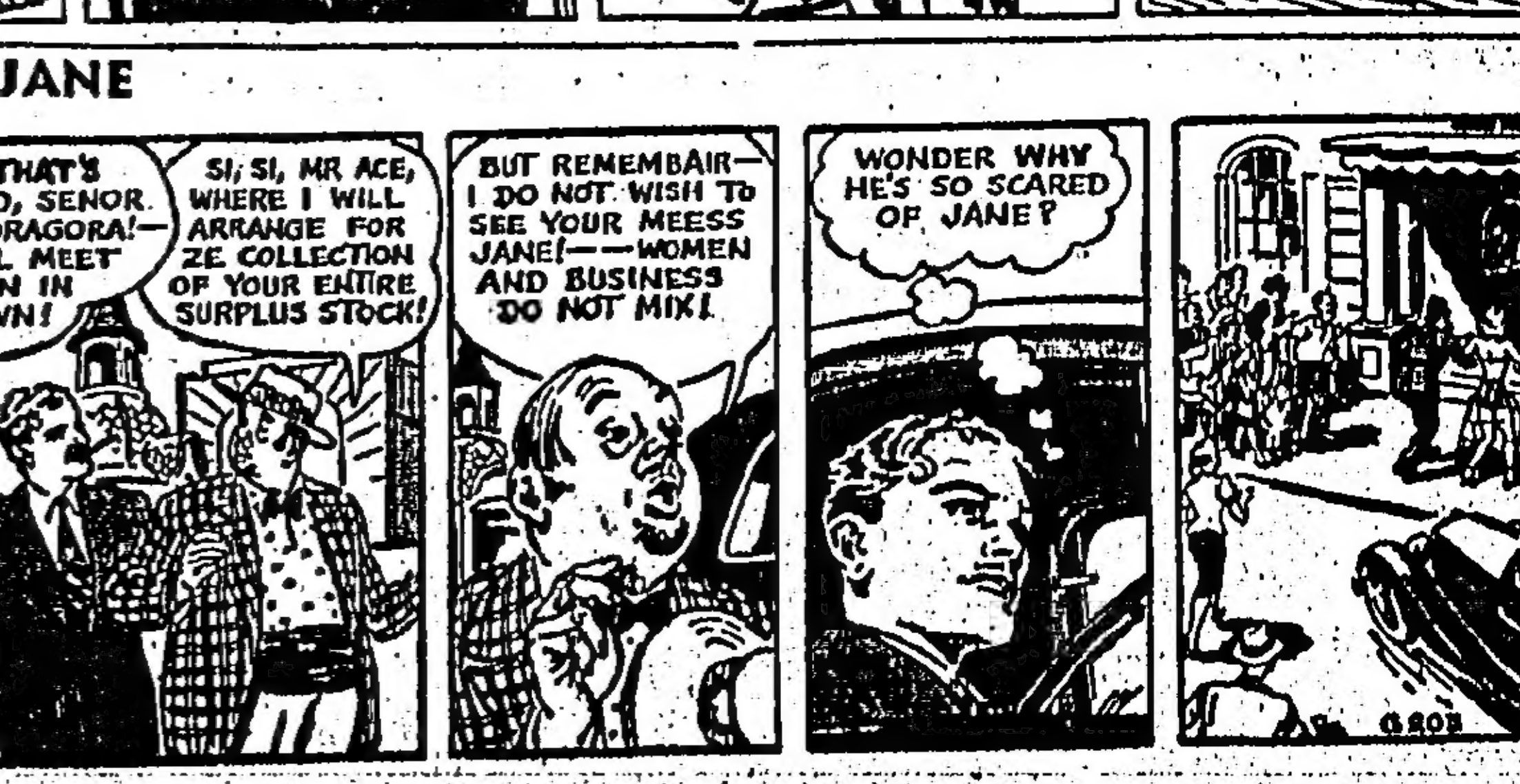
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## THREAT OF STRIKE IN THE RUHR

Bochum, March 10.  
A strike of Germany's 400,000 Ruhr coal miners was threatened by their Union leaders yesterday—unless wages are increased or consumer goods prices reduced.

Union leaders will meet before April 1 to make a decision. Herr August Schmidt, Chairman of the Miners' Union, told the press: "If we find that no

summer goods have been effected, we shall not hesitate any longer to use the workers' most powerful weapon, the strike."

His statement followed a Union announcement that all necessary steps will be taken by the Union to obtain a noticeable increase quickly in miners' wages.

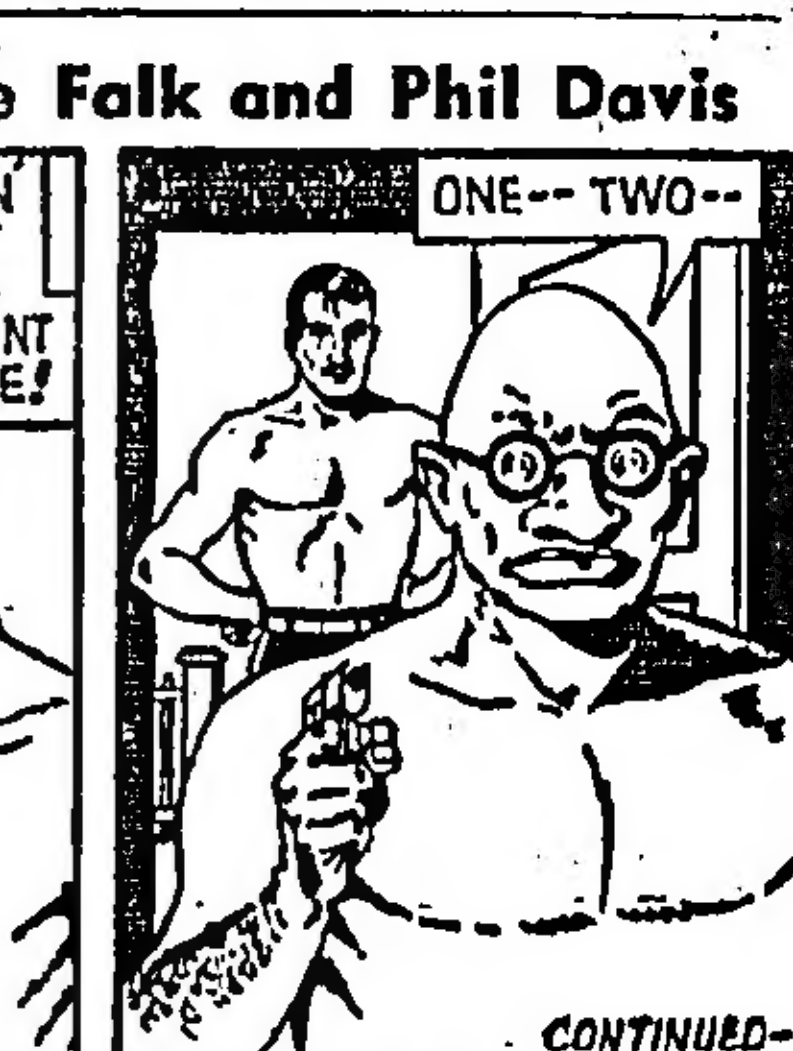
Herr Eugen Rothmeier, co-chairman of the Union, said yesterday that either wages must be increased by 30 per cent or a corresponding reduction in prices for consumer goods must be effected immediately.

He said that the Union headquarters are swamped with letters and resolutions daily from miners demanding adequate wages.

**APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TO PI**  
Vatican City, March 10.  
Monsignor Egidio Vagnozzi, councillor of the Apostolic Internunciature in India, has been named Apostolic delegate for the Philippines.

Monsignor Vagnozzi was born in Rome on February 2, 1900.—Associated Press.

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"FUKIEN"	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	4 p.m. 13th Mar.
"HUNAN"	Yokohama & Kobe	10 a.m. 14th Mar.
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"ANHUI"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 17th Mar.

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## MacArthur Denies Report Of Civilian Japan Control

Tokyo, March 10.

General MacArthur's official spokesman tonight said the reports of an impending change from military to civilian authority for the occupation were "mere speculation."

Colonel M. P. Echols said that as far as occupation officials here are concerned there is nothing to back the reports from Washington that occupation will be turned over to a civilian administration and the Army placed on a garrison status.

"If there were something to such reports," he said, "we would make a general release for it would be an item of general interest." In the meantime, he said, such reports should be considered as "mere speculation."

Colonel Echols said General MacArthur would make no comment on such a broad subject in response to individual queries. Earlier in the day United Press had submitted a written request for comment.

Earlier it was reported that the United States intends to place Japan under civilian control instead of military control within six to nine months and reduce army forces there from administration to garrison status.

It is contemplated in the highest quarters that this move will be accompanied by the retirement of General MacArthur. A change from military to civilian control, to be exercised under the direction of the State Department, will not mean any reduction of American forces in Japan. On the contrary, American troop strength in Japan will be increased to about 20,000 during the coming year.

However, when the State Department takes over from the War Department, military function will be changed from administrative to garrison activity, similar to the situation prevailing in the Philippines before the war, when the Americans kept a relatively strong military force there responsible to a civilian administrator.

Some of the increased troop strength for Japan will come from Korea. There are at present about 7,500 United States troops in South Korea, these remain there at the request of the new South Korean government, to assist security. It is believed they can be transferred to Japan by the end of this year.

## Defence Line

Transfer of control over Japan from military to civilian has been rendered easier by the resignation of the Army Undersecretary, Mr. William Draper, and the impending resignation of the Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Royall.

The plan for the change has long been brewing here, but Mr. Draper and Mr. Royall so far have successfully resisted it.

A sudden increase in the temperature of the Soviet-American cold war in the Far East may alter the situation, but that is thought to be unlikely.

The United States' intention is to transfer control of Japan to civilians, but to increase rather than decrease military troops strength there, at what is considered the main Pacific defence line for the United States.

It is pointed out that General Lucius Clay will retire as American Military Governor in Germany, to be succeeded by a civilian administrator.

Meanwhile, United States officials intend a minor relaxation of purge provisions in Japan, to permit lesser managerial employees to take places in current industry even though they were formerly connected with the now-banned Zaibatsu enterprises.—United Press.

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## STERLING AREA TRADE TALKS

Tokyo, March 9.

A sterling area trade conference will open here on March 17.

It will be held between representatives of the Foreign Trade Division of the headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, and the signatories of the sterling area trade agreement.

This agreement, signed last November, was between Australia, India, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.

Gold opened at HK\$305 a tael yesterday and closed at \$305.62 1/2 after it had dropped to \$304.12 1/2.

US dollars were firmer at HK\$5.10.

Gold Yuan was quoted at HK\$11.50 for 10,000 for Hong Kong delivery, \$8.55 and \$8.00 for Canton remittances and \$7.50 and \$7.80 for Shanghai remittances.

Plastics opened at HK\$10.20 1/2, a 100, dropped to \$10.12 1/2 and closed at \$10.30.

Tin was unchanged at HK\$24.30 a 100.

NEI Cuddles went up to HK\$33.00 a 100 in the morning, eased off to \$33.45 in the afternoon.

Sterling was unchanged at HK\$15.15.

Australian pounds spurred to HK\$15.75.

TRADE MISSION IN PAKISTAN

Karachi, March 10.

An Iraq delegation of four, with Abdulh Al Qasbi, the former Minister, arrived in Pakistan today to hold discussions with officials of the Ministry of Commerce on trade difficulties between the two countries.

This is the third trade mission to arrive in Pakistan within the last seven days; the others being the Japanese Trade Mission from Tokyo and the Polish Trade Mission—Associated Press.

Yamaguchi 4200, 50.

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Samgwa Rubber 300.

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Shanghai Rubber 400.

Sua Mangle Sumatra 100.

Tanah Merah 500, 300.

Tubong Rubber 400.

## New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 10.

A sleepy stock market slipped a little lower yesterday. The decline was far from decisive, and at the final bell losses of fractions to more than a point predominated.

Transfers totaled 940,000 shares. Liggett and Myers Tobacco dropped 3 1/2 to 81 following news that the company is planning to issue more stock.

Others declining included Caterpillar Tractor, Lockheed, Consolidated Natural Gas, Allied Chemical, Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Texas Company, American Air Lines.

Among gainers were Woolworth, Dow Chemical, J.C. Penney, Philip Morris, Nickel Plate, Gulf Oil, Skelly Oil, United Airlines, Paramount Pictures.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE: Stocks 62 1/2.

20 Industrials 115 1/2.

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American Waterworks 7 1/2.

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Bendix Aviation 33 1/2.

Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2.

Borg-Warner 24 1/2.

Borden Co. 35 1/2.

Canadian Pacific 15 1/2.

J. I. Case 34.

Chrysler 63 1/2.

Columbia 55 1/2.

Commercial Solvents 10 1/2.

Corn Products 6 1/2.

Du Pont 18 1/2.

Eastman Kodak 44 1/2.

Electric Light & Power 21 1/2.

General Electric 37 1/2.

General Motors 58 1/2.

Goodrich 63.

Goodyear 63 1/2.

Homestead Mining 80 1/2.

International Harvester 24 1/2.

International Paper 48 1/2.

International Tel. & Tel. 9 1/2.

John Hancock 37 1/2.

Kennecott Copper 47.

Montgomery Ward 60 1/2.

National Distillers 17 1/2.

National Lead 32.

New York Central 21 1/2.

Packard Motor 31 1/2.

Pan-American Airways 0.



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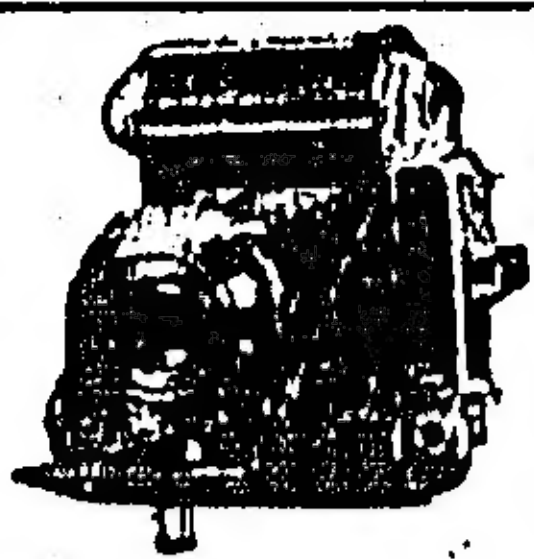




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## Denial Made Of Charges Of Forgery

The case in which S.J. Moleson was charged with forgery and with uttering a forged document was continued yesterday before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central.

Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. Hammond, prosecuted and Mr. M.A. da Silva was for the defence.

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, defendant denied that he had had tea with the Benjamins at the Hong Kong Hotel as was alleged. He said that the question of having tea was a fabrication on their part and a deliberate lie.

Defendant said that he had every right to sign the Bill of Lading as he was at that time still holding the Power of Attorney.

In his submission, Mr. Silva requested the magistrate that Moleson was committed to stand trial, meaning that defendant had a case to answer and be tried by a jury, but on the instructions of Crown Counsel the case is being tried summarily.

"It does not mean that since Moleson was committed recently that he must be guilty and it was up to the prosecution to prove defendant's guilt beyond any reasonable doubt and it was not up to the defence to prove his innocence."

Mr. Silva said that at no time was Moleson's service terminated with Benjamins and Sons Limited. Moleson had from time to time given financial assistance to the Benjamins.

When Moleson came down from Shanghai, Benjamins and Sons Limited was not doing well and had a staff of four or five persons. When Moleson took over not only did he make a profit of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a month but the staff was also increased to 14 or 15.

In recognition of Moleson's service he was given from the firm a raise of from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a month.

Decision of the case will be given by Mr. d'Almada on March 14.

## Public Ballot For Sites, Huts

A public ballot for sites and huts on beaches in the New Territories will be held on March 30 at the District Office, Kowloon Magistracy, at 4 p.m. Applicants will be restricted to bona fide Hong Kong residents.

Applicants who provide successful in the Urban Council draw on March 22 will not be allowed to participate in the District Office draw.

Successful applicants will be required to pay their permit fees not later than at noon on April 5.

Fees will be: A Class: \$250; B Class: \$100 and C Class: \$50.

Application forms may be obtained from the District Office.

Applications must reach the District Office before 5 p.m. on March 23.

Each application must be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$10. This deposit may cover simultaneous application for any three beaches. Applications for more than three beaches must be accompanied in each case by a cash deposit of a further \$10 for each additional beach. Deposits will not be returned.

## SCHLEGEL WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Paul Nicholas Schlegel, missionary, of 58 Taike Road, and Miss Gertrude Schultness, missionary, of the same address.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE (Continued from Page 13) SOUTH EAST PORTS

ANNUY (D & S) ex-Singapore	11
CHOYANG (Jardine) ex-Singapore	11
EASTERN BAGA (Jardine) ex-Singapore	11
and Bangkok	11
FUKIEN (D & S) ex-Java	11
MAUBANG (Jardine) ex-Batavia	11
SIRHANNA (D) ex-Cebu	11
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BOOHOW (D & S) ex-Manila	11
TASMAN (RIL) ex-Manila	11
TISADANE (RIL) ex-Java	11
TURKS HEAD (Everett) ex-Batavia	11
VAN HEUTZ (RIL) ex-Singapore	11
BRADYVERETT (Everett) ex-Singapore	11
ST. MICHAEL (MM) ex-Hongkong	11
TRIPADAK (RIL) ex-Java	11
SOUTH AMERICA	
ROSEVAIN (RIL)	11
TRIOBERO (RIL)	11

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Port Elizabeth, March 9.  
England beat South Africa by three wickets in the fifth and final Test match here today and so won the series by two victories to nil, with three matches left drawn.

All the thrills were crammed into the last 90 minutes of play, as South Africa had declared their second innings closed at 187 for three wickets.

Accepting the challenge hung down by Dudley Nourse's declaration, England won a thrilling victory almost on time by three wickets. The declaration meant that England had 95 minutes in which to score 172 runs and from the start they went for the runs.

Needless to say, wickets fell as batsmen hit out, but the score was always ahead of the clock after Hutton and Washbrook had taken 30 runs from the first three overs.

The 100 was signalled in 53 minutes, and it was still anybody's game when most of England's test batsmen were among the seven wickets which had fallen with ten minutes to go.

Crapp and Watkins were then together and when eight runs were needed Crapp banged Norman Mann for 4, 2, 4 and the match was won.

**Selfless Batsman**  
Dudley Nourse could scarcely have expected his side to lose when he made his final gamble today for victory by declaring, but from the start England approached their task as though they were never in danger of defeat.

All the batsmen deserved credit for their complete selflessness and once again showed themselves a team in every sense.

It was reminiscent of the first Test at Durban, where England won with the last ball of that game.

So England won the rubber by two wins to nil, three matches having been drawn.

The final scorecard:	
South Africa 1st Inning	370
England 1st Inning	395
England 2nd Inning	32
Hutton stumped Wade, b. A. Rowan	40
Washbrook, c. A. Rowan, b. Mann	42
Compton, c. Cheetham, b. A. Rowan	42
Mann, c. Dawson, b. Mann	2
Bedser, c. Nourse, b. A. Rowan	15
Crapp, not out	5
Gladwin, c. Tuckett, b. Mann	0
Watkins, not out	11
Extras	11
Total (for 7 decl.)	174

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Bedser	10	3	43	1
Gladwin	6	2	14	0
Young	23	3	24	2
Jenkins	4	0	27	0
Compton	0	0	57	0
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Bowling	O	M	R	W
McCarthy	2	0	13	0
Tuckett	2	0	13	0
A. Rowan	10	0	65	3
Mann	9.7	0	65	4

## Cricket Team

The following will represent Ceynegover Cricket Club in a First League cricket match against Indian Recreation Club at Happy Valley tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

G.A. Souza, S. Ramchand, P.J. Billimoria, T. Crabtree, A.H. H. Small, D. Readman, K.M. Runjeh, E.H. Eshali, J.L. Youngs, E. Kes haw and R. Tay.

## HONG KONG CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent HKCC "Scorpions" in a First League Cricket match against Royal Navy at Chater Road tomorrow, at 1.45 p.m.

L. F. Stokes, O. J. Kerr, T. A. Pearce, M. Newton, D.H. Leach, F. Howarth, J.E. Richardson, R. Gull, E.F. Geo, A.P. Wel, R.H. Hughes.

## HOCKEY MATCH

The following will represent Dockyard in a Hockey Association Match against the YMCA on Sunday at 10.00 a.m. at King's Park.

Lord Asgar Ali, Joyce, Savage, Collins, Dastal, Wansley, Kano, Allah Ditta, Abcuti, Abdul Ghani, Resorri, Sadler.

## Annual Sevens Opening

(BY "TOUCH-JUDGE")

In traditional style the local Rugby Season closes with the Annual Sevens, the opening rounds of which will take place tomorrow on Club Ground.

All proceeds of this competition go to local Charities and a good turn-out is anticipated.

Nineteen teams have entered this year three more than last year—and a good afternoon's sport is promised.

Looking over the teams it is difficult even to hazard a guess at the likely winners of the Blarney-stone Shield, although Gunners "A" being fast are a formidable looking side and a great thing in the Seven game, have youth on their side.

The following is the draw:—

FIRST ROUND	
2.30 p.m. Buffs "A" v. Talkoo.	
2.45 p.m. Balfast v. Club Societies.	
3 p.m. Wayfong v. Gunners	
3.15 p.m. Black Swan v. Tonbridge.	
3.30 p.m. Gunners "B" v. Civil Service.	
3.45 p.m. Club "C" v. Minor Units.	
4 p.m. HMS Hart v. Club "A".	
4.15 p.m. Club "B" v. Air Force.	
4.30 p.m. Buffs "B" v. Tamar.	
4.45 p.m. Buffs "A" or Talkoo v. HMS Balfast or Club Societies.	

## THE REFEREES

The referees for the above games will be selected from among the following: Dr. J.A.R. Selby, Cdr. Parry, Major Allitt, R.A. M.I.U. Carrel and Mr. C.W. Mills.

## Ireland Show Superior Play Over Wales

Belfast, March 9.

Outplayed before their own supporters at Windsor Park here, Ireland finished at the bottom of the International soccer championship table when they lost by two goals to nil to Wales today.

Wales' superiority, particularly in the second half, was so pronounced that they would not have been flattered by a far larger margin of victory.

Ireland were a complete disappointment as a team. During the first half it appeared that they might settle down, but they fell away completely, the forward line was seldom seen either as a combined force or as individuals, and the defence was left to struggle gamely against the fast Welsh forwards.

Wales possessed a big advantage in speed and the fine foraging of the wind halves, Paul and Burgess, enabled them to maintain an almost continuous attack.

The scorers were Edwards in the first half, and Ford after the interval.

The attendance was 22,300.—Reuter.

## Football Team

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Club in a First Division soccer match against Kowloon Motor Bus on Sunday at Boundary Street, kick-off 4.30 p.m.

Calton, Fowler, Strange, Welles, Forrow, Beck, Barclay, Muller, Baker, Klerman and Mann.

Fingers are requested to make every effort to be present.

## SOCCER CHANGES

The following changes have been made to the week-end soccer programme:

The First Division match between Kowloon Motor Bus and Club will now be played on Sunday at Boundary Street, kick-off 4.30 p.m.

The Second Division match between Army Club and Chinese AA has been transferred from Boundary Street to Chatham Road and will be played on Saturday, kick-off 3 p.m.

## Open Doubles Matches Slated

All tennis games which were due to be played yesterday were postponed owing to the unfavourable condition of the courts. The games will be played on Monday.

## This Evening's Games

Colony Open Doubles Championship  
Court 1: B. T.M. Jones and M. A. Ayres vs. Szeto Blk and Choy. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.  
Court 2: Kwok Hing Cheung and Roch Leung v. Ng Yeok Kin and P. Poon. Umpire: Chow Ping Tao.  
Court 3: Baker brothers v. Tsol Ping-fan and Luk Ding-cheung. Umpire: G. W. Sewell.  
Court 4: L. F. Stokes and R. Regalen v. J. L. Pearce and D. Fitzroy Williams. Umpire: J. Kitz.  
Court 5: M. Hansen and M. W. Lo and v. N. Lo and D. Lo. Umpire: J. Mackle.  
Court 6: Lee Moon-ling and T. Chen v. Au Kam-moon and Lee Chun-kit. Umpire: K. A. Cook.

## Land Dispute Aired In Court

A dispute over an agreement regarding the sale and erection of buildings on a piece of Crown land purchased originally by one of the parties involved was heard by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge) yesterday.

The plaintiffs in the action were Lui Ka-yeung, Lui Fook-hong and Lui Kam-wah, merchants, of 720 Nathan Road, represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, KC and Mr. Leo d'Almada, KC, instructed by Mr. P. C. Woo.

The defendants were Der Sing-chi and Tse Chak-sang, also merchants, of 63 Queen's Road Central, who were represented by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths.

The agreement was between Louis Leung, who died in 1944, and the defendants, and was entered into on December 2, 1941, for the sale to the defendants of Kowloon Lot No. 2580, which was originally purchased from Government by Louis Leung. Under the agreement Louis Leung agreed to assign title of the property to defendants on completion of certain buildings at a cost of HK\$20,000.

The plaintiffs now claimed this agreement, by virtue of the non-completion of the buildings as agreed upon, to be null and void and of no legal effect, and asked for a declaration that the plaintiffs, as executors of the bill of Louis Leung, are the beneficial owners of the land.

## Declaration Asked

They also asked for a declaration that defendants have no right or title or interest in the land, and an order for the removal from the Land Office Register of the registration of the agreement of December 2, 1941, which defendants caused to be made on December 10, 1940.

Plaintiffs, in addition, asked for costs of the action and further relief.

Defendants denied there had been any breach of the provisions of the agreement which stipulated that the buildings must be completed by April 2, 1942. Alternatively, they claimed that if there had been any breach, there was a waiver.

Mr. Potter said both sides were agreed as to the facts of the case. Plaintiffs, said Mr. Potter, purchased a Crown land auction sale on April 3, 1939, a piece of vacant land at Shamshuipo. One of the terms of sale was that within 24 months the purchaser had to put up buildings valued at HK\$20,000. This period was subsequently extended for 12 months, and the date for completion was extended to April 2, 1942.

On December 2, 1941, plaintiffs entered into an agreement with defendants whereby the defendants were to erect buildings as required by the condition of sale from Government, and in consideration of this plaintiffs agreed to assign to defendants the title to the property on completion of the buildings.

## Terms Of Agreement

Mr. Potter then dealt with the terms of the agreement between plaintiffs and defendants, and said the sale was conditional entirely on defendants erecting and completing the buildings.

In this type of sale, said Mr. Potter, the position of the purchaser was really that of some form of licensee and had permission to go into the property to erect the buildings.

War then broke out, and Kowloon, where the land was situated, was occupied by the Japanese.

Plaintiffs, said Mr. Potter, claimed that by virtue of the non-completion of the buildings by April 2, 1942, the contract between plaintiffs and defendants is now null and void. Legal authorities were quoted by counsel in support of his contention.

After legal arguments between counsel, further hearing was adjourned to this morning.

## Lincolnshire Handicap

London, March 9.

The final acceptors for the Lincolnshire Handicap to be run over one mile at Lincoln on Saturday, March 19, were announced today as follows:

SPORTS CHAMPION  
(Royal Tara (9 stone 7), Signalman (9 stone 2), Drakkar (8 stone 10), Patchouly (8 stone 10), Gadwallader (8 stone 5), Goldborough (8 stone 3), Mister Lovell (8 stone 3), Speciality (8 stone 2), Lord Nelson (7 stone 13), Crown Pats (7 stone 12), Bright Paul (7 stone 12), Star (7 stone 12), Yellow Idol (7 stone 12), Red Pippin (7 stone 12), Philadelphia (7 stone 11), Persian Book (7 stone 10), Fair Judgement (7 stone 10), Star Signal (7 stone 7), Portmanteau (7 stone 8), Spurred (7 stone 8), Garter Blue (7 stone 7), Sea Shah (7 stone 6), Traveller (7 stone 5), Craigie Lynn (7 stone 5), Donbar (7 stone 4), Speed (7 stone 2), Waterspout (7 stone 1), Pride of the Prairie (7 stone 1), Young Starford (7 stone 1), Denny Dor (7 stone 1), Lion's Share (6 stone 13), Grazing (6 stone 13), Tetrashah (6 stone 12), I Will (6 stone 12), Romano (6 stone 12), Asturuse (6 stone 12), Chubb (6 stone 11), Evipan (6 stone 11), Windsor Haze (6 stone 10), Queue Up (6 stone 8), Avocado (6 stone 7), Tower Knowe (6 stone 7) and Bold Street (6 stone 7).

The final acceptors for the Grand National, to be run over four miles, 585 yards at Liverpool on Saturday, March 26, were also announced today as follows:

Cottage Rake (12 stone 5), Rol Mond (11 stone 12), Silver Fame (11 stone 12), Happy Home (11 stone 10), Rowland Roy (11 stone 8), Cloncarraig (11 stone 7), Halcyon Hours (11 stone 7), Cromwell (11 stone 7), Brighter Sandy (11 stone 7), Lovely Cottage (11 stone 1), Ulster Monarch (11 stone 1), Cavaliero (11 stone 1), Caughoo (11 stone 1), Royal Mount (10 stone 12), Lealele Prince (10 stone 11), Caddie (10 stone 10), Leap Man, Bruno (10 stone 9), Brickett (10 stone 9), Flaming Steel (10 stone 9), Gallery (10 stone 8), Russian Hero (10 stone 8), Platypus (10 stone 6), San Michele (10 stone 5), Ard-nacassa (10 stone 5), Tonderman (10 stone 4), Kilkenny (10 stone 4), Magnetic Fin (10 stone 4), Astra (10 stone 4), Loyal Antrim (10 stone 4), Depina (10 stone 3), Wot No Sun (10 stone 3), Monaveen (10 stone 3), Boras Cottage (10 stone 3), Larrack Purchase (10 stone 2), Arranby (10 stone 2), Martin M (10 stone 1), Southborough (10 stone 1), The following all carry 10 stone: Clyduffe, Stone Cottage, Ship's Bell, Celtic Cross, Partindon, Perfect Night, Morning Star, Offaly Prince, Chummo, Sen Toi, Barn Dance, East Acalling and Sagacity.—Reuter.

## BILL FUNK WINS IN DOUBLES FEATURE MATCH

With accurate placements and superb courtcraft, Bill Funk, the former Shanghai champion, walked away with the feature match of last evening's badminton programme, at the Rocio.

The best game of the evening turned out to be the Junior Doubles encounter between YMCA's D. C. Lau-W. C. Chung and University's N. K. Chin-M. T. Yeow. By virtue of their splendid win over the seeded pair, Lau and Chung now rank top favourites for this event's honours.

The curtain-raiser between R. M. Soares and Y. Khan was a short-lived affair, Soares proving too good for the Indian player, Khan's weakness in the backhand supplied Soares a continuous supply of points.

F/L. Griffin and I. Cpl. Frazer also went down in two straight sets to C.Y. Yung and K.F. Chung, in the next match, though there was no hint of trying on the part of the RAF pair.

The Junior Mixed Doubles game again saw Miss Y. Franco in a delightful exhibition of classical strokes. From 2-2 in the first set, she served unbrokenly to 10-2, and with the next change-over scored another five points in a row to run away with the first set.

## Set Repeated

The second set was merely a repetition of the first, in spite of some notable efforts by Remedios to stem the tide. Franco was simply invulnerable at the net and with Quinn giving good support the end became only a matter of time.

The Gillies-Bill Funk Senior Singles started with great promise of better things to follow. Gillies broke through Funk's service and soon took the lead, far as he could reach.

Warning up now, Funk began to send the bird to Gillies' backhand with deadly accuracy. Gillies' smash returns found their way mostly to the net or out-side the court and the score mounted to 9-2 in Funk's favour.

At this stage a titanic struggle ensued with neither side giving way, and the service went to and from 13 times, before Funk succeeded to acquire the next three points.

The second set also started with a neck-to-neck struggle, but at 5-5, Funk broke loose and with beautiful placements added six points with another to reach 14-5.

With two change-overs of service, Gillies failed to increase his score, ultimately conceding the match point to Funk.

## Terrific Pace

A terrific pace was set by Yeow and Chin in the Junior Doubles game, but Lau and Chung were equal to the occasion. Greater steadiness won the day for them.

## Posting Of Firecrackers

Lo Yee, an office boy, and Yuen Kai-tu, Assistant Manager of the Wah Fu Trading Company, were also charged before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with tendering explosives for posting and with making a false declaration.

Defendants were alleged to have tendered a parcel of firecrackers to the Post Office for posting on February 11.

Mr. D. Filches of the Post Office prosecuted and Mr. Y.H. Chan was for the defendants.

Mr. Chan in his submission said that his clients on February 11 went to the Post Office with a parcel of firecrackers to find out whether they could post it and at no time tendered it for posting as was alleged by the prosecution.

Mr. d'Almada will give his decision on March 18 at 4.30 p.m.

## HKDF ORDER

Orders by Colonel L.T. Ride, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force, follow:—  
"Duties: Reference: Force Orders No. 2/19. The following appointment should be made after the name of Capt. G.H. Calvert late R.O.B. For 'Quartermaster, HKDF' read 'Administrative Officer, HKDF'."

Administrative—HKDF: Although HKDFVR ceased to exist w.e.f. March 1, 1949 all outstanding administrative matters of the Unit should be referred to HQ, HKDF for action.

Awards—Efficiency Decoration and Military Medal: Reference Force Orders No. 2/19 para. 8 (a). Embodied service to HKDF during the war was only countable if the officer, warrant officer, NCO or OR was serving on the active list of HKDF on September 3, 1939.

Radio-Head-Up: This feature which is heard over Radio Hong Kong each Saturday from 2.10-2.25 hours will for this Saturday on March 19, 1949 be devoted to the Hong Kong Defence Force.

Photographs Taken at the Corps Dinner: China Fleet Club: Photographs already ordered are available on application to the Administrative Officer.

## Bank Gets Order Of Eviction

An eviction order against the Tsen Ho Bank Ltd. which formerly occupied the Western portion of the ground floor of Exchange Building, was granted by Mr. W. H. Latimer, Tenancy Magistrate, yesterday.

The application for the order was made by Lane Crawford Limited, represented by Mr. H.J. Armstrong of Deacons.

The Tsen Ho Bank was not legally represented.

Testifying for the applicants, Mr. A.W. Brown, managing director of Lane Crawford Limited, said the western portion of the ground floor of Exchange Building was leased to the Tsen Ho Bank on October 3, 1946 for 10 years as from April of that year, for a monthly rent of HK\$5,500, exclusive of rates and taxes.

It was agreed that if the rent should be owed for more than 15 days, or if there should be any other breach of the lease agreement, the applicants could terminate the lease and recover the premises.

In December 1948 the bank owed four months' rent and a distress warrant was issued. A second distress was issued on February 4, 1949.

The total amount owing to applicants to date, including electricity charges, was HK\$34,990.99. Deducting one month's rent since the first distress, and a HK\$935 refund of rates, the net amount owing was HK\$28,501.09.

An order for payment of this amount and recovery of the premises was made by the Magistrate.

## AMBULANCE DUTIES

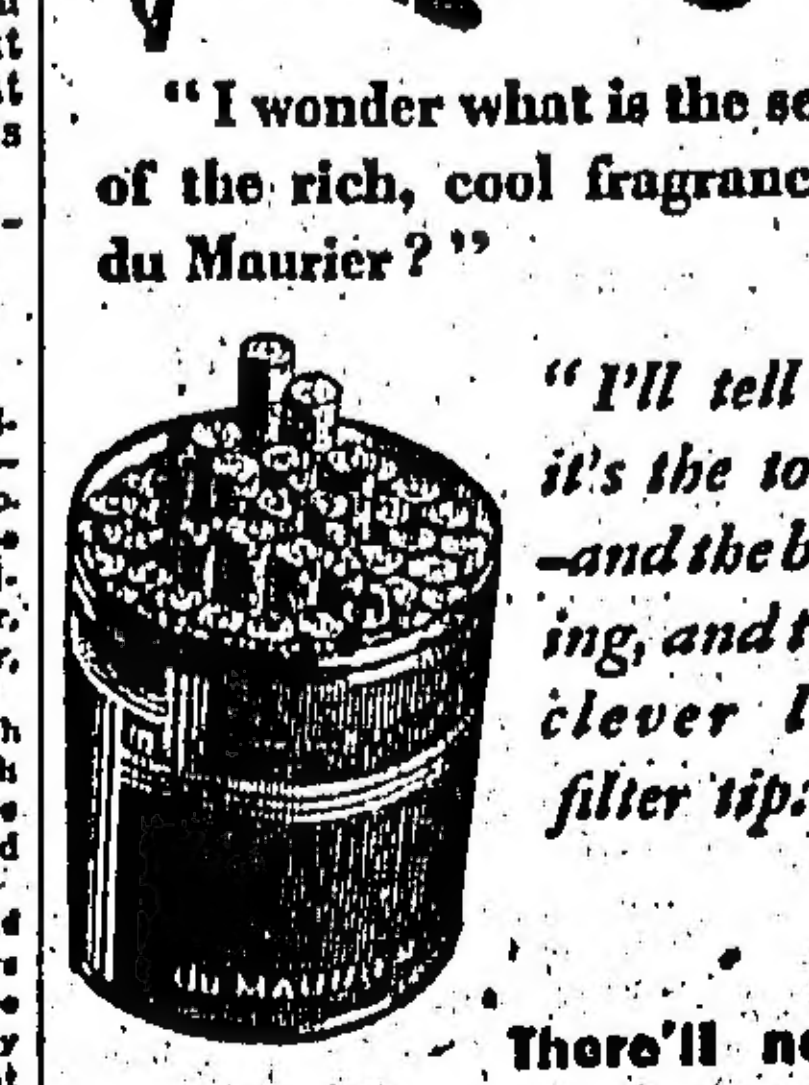
Orders by Mr. A. J. Arnull, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance, Hong Kong District, follow:—  
Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: March 13 to 19, Central Division.  
Ambulance Duties Kowloon: March 14 to 20, District Division.  
Football Match Duties: Saturday, 12.30 Rookwood 4.30 p.m., Confucian Division; Navy Ground 4.30 p.m., Shaikwan Division; Caroline Hill 7.30 p.m., SCAA Division; Boundary Street 4.30 p.m., Shamshuipo Division; Sunday 13: HKFC Ground 4.30 p.m., Eastern Division; Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m., Chung Sing Division; Race Course 4.30 p.m., Boundary Street 13: RCOB Division. Motor Transport Division will man Mobile Ambulance.

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